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Good news as teenage pregnancy rates drop

By Marijke Cox

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TEENAGE pregnancy rates in Swale have bucked the Kent-wide trend as the latest figures finally reveal numbers are dropping.

The latest figures from the Department of Health showed a 10.4 per cent drop since 2008/09 from 117 to 104 in 2009/10.

While this amounts to a decrease of just 13 teen conceptions, health bosses are welcoming the decrease after years of battling with high levels in wards including Sheerness East and Sheerness West, Queenborough and Halfway, and Sheppey Central.

And it will be warmly welcomed by all who have looked to turn the worrying tide with a number of education and awareness initiatives.

It compares with areas such as Thanet and Maidstone, which saw figures rise by more than 20 per cent.

Deprived wards – where teenage

pregnancy is more prevalent – were being targeted through Kent County Council's Teenage Pregnancy Strategy.

It looks to support the development of young people's aspirations and life skills as well as offer prevention, early intervention and support.

Health bosses have also been working to drive down numbers by improving relationships and sex education in schools, launching the Student Health Service in secondary schools and rolling out the C-Card Condom Scheme, to give young people quick, easy and confidential access to condoms at more than 100 clinics and pharmacies in Kent.

Director of public health for Kent, Meradin Peachey, said teenage pregnancy was a complex issue.

"One of the important factors is young people's aspirations in life, and the opportunities in work and education that they perceive are open to them, which influence the choices they make," she

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APPEAL

Family's fresh Carl appeal

FAMILY of murdered former teacher Carl Davies have made a tearful appeal on YouTube for help in finding their son's killer. They have also offered the residents of Indian Ocean island Reunion, where the murder occurred, a £10,000 reward for information leading to a conviction.

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LITERATURE

MP in hunt for book artist

MP GORDON Henderson is on the hunt for a local illustrator to provide the pictures to go in a new children's book he hopes to publish. The Litter Angels is a tale for youngsters warning them of the perils of littering. Local artists have until the end of April to apply. Proceeds will go to charity.

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SPORT

Seager back at Brickies

FORMER Sittingbourne star Marc Seager will be back in charge of the Brickies this weekend as he stands in as caretaker boss while Joe Dowley is on holiday. The popular figure will select the side to travel to Chipstead and admits a return to non-league football is a temptation.

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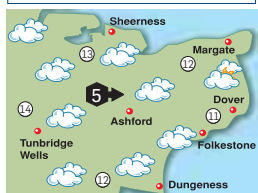
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YOUNG PEOPLE

Drop in teen pregnancies welcomed, but work still to be done

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said. "We take a partnership approach to addressing these issues by supporting young people with education and job opportunities and raising their aspirations.

"On a practical level we ensure access to contraception and sexual health advice, including encouraging girls and

young women to delay having sex. We ensure our services meet young people's needs – for instance with the recent launch of the C-Card phone app so young people can find pharmacies and clinics where they can access contraception – and we involve young people in developing our services so they are young people friendly."

Kent overall saw a 1.7 per

cent increase, with the biggest rise seen in Thanet – 22.2 per cent and Maidstone – 23.4.

Thanet and Shepway have the highest rates in the latest figures – Shepway saw 50.1 per 1,000 births, and Thanet 58.8 per 1,000. In comparison, Swale is around 39 per 1,000.

Medway also saw a rise of seven per cent, although

this amounted to just a handful of girls.

NHS bosses said reducing the level of teenage pregnancy remained a top priority.

Director of public health for Medway Dr Alison Barnett said: "Research shows that the babies of teenage mothers are more likely to have worse health and poorer life chances than other babies.

"Teenage mothers are less likely to gain educational qualifications or find employment.

"We and our partners are working with young people to reduce teenage pregnancy rates by ensuring that young people have the information and confidence they need to make positive choices and that they can access contraception, advice and guidance, easily."

POLICE

Awards recognise the efforts of brave heroes

By Marijke Cox

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FROM being threatened with weapons to stamping out loutish behaviour – these are just some of the many things the county's police force has to deal with on a daily basis.

To celebrate their hard and often dangerous work, Kent Police Authority (KPA) held its annual awards ceremony, commending the unsung heroes who have made a difference to the lives of people living in the county.

KPA chair Ann Barnes said the authority chose officers and staff who had showed outstanding acts in the line of duty.

She said: "I regularly hear about good work from the frontline and it always makes me very proud indeed.

"But there are remarkable acts of particular merit which warrant extra recognition and the award ceremony was our opportunity to acknowledge that excellent work, to take a step back and to simply say thank you.

"We are really lucky here in Kent to have such excellent public servants, all of whom do such an excellent job in the public safety arena."

There were 15 winners and runners-up made up of officers, staff and teams who had stood out among the rest.

In Swale, PC Preston Frost won the prestigious Police Officer of the Year award.

PC Frost is a neighbourhood officer in Swale and part of the Kent Police Rural Partnership Team, a multi-agency initiative that involves

THE WINNERS

PCSO of the Year: Runner up Robert Dray
Winner Alex Walker

Team of the Year: Runner up PC Laura Sloan and PC Mark Nott
Winner Fighting Chance Judo Inclusion Programme

Police Officer of the Year: Runner up PC Chris Clancy
Winner PC Preston Frost
Community Warden of the Year: Runner up Martin Sherwood
Winner Dawn Riach-Brown

Outstanding Kent Police Staff: Runner up Karen Griffiths
Winner Julie Argent

Special Constable of the Year: Runner up Derek May
Winner Ritchie Harman

Volunteer of the Year: Runner up Medway Neighbourhood Watch
Winner Chris Barmby
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the police working alongside KCC Wardens to tackle a perceived lack of response to crime, anti-social behaviour and community based issues.

KPA said he had gained the trust from difficult communities within Minster-On-Sea and was highly regarded by residents, who call him 'Frostie.'

The police authority said PC Frost should also be recognised for his instrumental role in identifying organised criminal groups.

He set up Operation Harlequin to deal with a series of burglaries and thefts at the Shepherd



DEDICATED:

Police Officer of the Year Preston Frost, aka Frostie, is pictured with Chief Constable Ian Learmonth and chairman of Kent Police Authority Ann Barnes

Neame brewery distribution site and his intelligence gathering, forensic sampling and observations resulted in 15 addresses being raided.

He took the lead on operations to tackle mobile phone warehouse burglaries, stolen vehicles and cash robberies, gathering intelligence on individuals involved which led to three men being sentenced to 17 and a half years.

Recently two of the same men received a further 14 years each for conspiracy to commit robbery.

KPA said: "PC Frost has served the force for the last 24 years with enthusiasm and drive.

"He has an outstanding track record and the north division senior management team can be in no doubt that PC Frost is a large contributing factor to the 14 per cent reduction in all crime across Sheppey last year."

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EDUCATION

Calling all illustration angels, your MP needs you for children's book

By Chris Britcher

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ARTISTS are being given the chance to illustrate a new children's book – penned by local MP Gordon Henderson.

The book, *The Litter Angel*, was written by the Conservative back-bencher to raise awareness amongst youngsters of the impact of litter on the environment.

But it proved such a big hit when he toured



schools across Sittingbourne and Sheppey reading extracts, he now plans to get it published.

And he wants a Swale artist to provide the illustrations.

Mr Henderson said: "I am aware many of my constituents have artistic talents, and so I hope they will take advantage of this exciting opportunity and will be able to bring the story to life."

The *Litter Angel* follows the adventures of Jessica and Jack, who, with the help of Eric the Litter Angel, nurse their dog back to health after it injures its paw on a rusty can dropped by a member of the public.

If the book is published, money raised will go towards the MP's Litter Angels charity established to promote recycling and not-littering.

To enter the competition, Swale-based artists are being asked to submit one A4 framed piece of work using the story extract printed on this page as a guide.

Completed work should be sent or hand-delivered to Mr Henderson's constituency office at



SPREADING THE WORD: Gordon Henderson MP is looking for an artist to illustrate his educational new children's book, *The Litter Angel*

Top Floor, Unit 10 Periwinkle Court Business Centre, Church Street, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 2JZ.

The winner, who will be chosen by Mr Henderson at a special exhibition evening in May 2012, will become the official illustrator of *The Litter Angel* book and will receive a percentage of the royalties from sales.

The closing date for entries is April 30.

Visit www.litterangels.org for more information about the competition or the charity.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ My big free weekend

ATTRACTIONS are bracing themselves for a huge surge in visitors next weekend as My Big Kent Weekend returns.

Taking place across March 17-18, thousands of free tickets were handed out in a bid to open the eyes of the local population to attractions on their doorstep.

There were still several hundred tickets for various venues up for grabs at the time of going to press – see <http://bigweekend.mykent.co.uk>.

➔ Learn about safety

PCSOs David Ansbro and Ian Henderson will be out and about in a mobile police station this weekend, providing residents with information on how to keep their valuables safe.

On Saturday, between 9.30-11.30am they will be in Barrow Grove, Sittingbourne, and between 1-3pm at Woodberry Drive, Murston. On Sunday they will be in the car park at the Sittingbourne Retail Park between 11am and 1pm. They also have a limited number of alarms to give away.

➔ Share joy of reading

GORDON Henderson MP has joined a host of famous names pledging to share 20 books in 2012 as part of a campaign to encourage reading.

Bookstart 20 encourages families to share their books and, along with Mr Henderson, is supported by the likes of authors Jacqueline Wilson and Philip Pullman, the Duchess of Cornwall and Coleen Rooney.

The Tory MP said: "If I can encourage a handful of children to share my passion for books, then it'll be a worthy exercise."

THE LITTER ANGEL EXTRACT

JESSICA, because she was the oldest, 8, and because she wanted to be a nurse when she grew up, went to find out what was wrong with their puppy.

When she reached Dog, Jessica discovered that its paw was covered in blood.

Looking down she saw that the cut had been caused by the rusty, jagged edge of an empty drinks can that some thoughtless person had thrown into the alley.

ROADS

Action plan to fight sat nav lorry menace on our roads



MOVES to keep heavy lorries off the borough's small rural roads by forcing makers of satellite navigation devices to direct HGVs only down certain routes, has been welcomed by local politicians.

Swale councillors have been among those adding their voice to a chorus of concern over the problems caused by lorries being sent down unsuitable routes across Kent by their sat navs.

On Tuesday, what was dubbed a Sat Nav Summit was organised by Local Transport Minister Norman Baker to give local authorities from across the UK the chance to co-ordinate work aimed at tackling HGVs blocking rural routes.

And Kent County Council this week confirmed it was drawing up an action plan which would see sat nav routes clarified and closer co-operation with organisations such as the Kent-based Freight Transport

Association.

Kent has traditionally suffered more than most with such problems as a result of the county's role as the gateway to mainland Europe and the associated heavy cross-Channel traffic that comes with it, as well as the need to service rural businesses.

Mike Whiting, vice-chairman of the Swale Joint Transportation Board and KCC member for Swale Central, said it was "good news" for the likes of Tunstall and areas in Kemsley, Murston and elsewhere in the borough.

He added: "I welcome Kent's proactive stance in respect of HGVs being directed by their sat navs along unsuitable roads through Swale."

"It is a real problem for many, and I am glad the Coalition government is taking it seriously, and that Kent is making sure its voice is being heard loud and clear by preparing its Action Plan."

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TOURISM

You really can't afford to miss this weekend's Travel and Leisure Show

By Nick Ames

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THIS weekend sees the Archant KOS Media Travel and Leisure Show take place at the Dover Cruise Terminal – highlighting the great attractions of Kent and beyond.

Now in its fifth year, the free celebration of all that is best in tourism has become established as the main event in the county for planning a holiday, whether at home or abroad.

Attractions, events, heritage, cuisine and accommodation are all highlighted by the vast range of exhibitors.

This year will be an exciting 12 months for Britain, full of activities, including the Dickens bicentenary, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

So it is a chance for the county's visitors and residents alike to revel in the many celebrations and festivals taking place at some of its best-loved attractions and locations.

This will include Olympic Torch Relay overnight stops in Dover and Maidstone, Dickens Festivals in Rochester and Broadstairs, and the many castles, gardens and other attrac-

tions with royal connections or that are hosting special events around the Diamond Jubilee.

The show is the ideal opportunity to get a picture of what is happening in the Garden of England, as well as many attractions in Sussex and Essex and across the Channel.

Saturday (11am-3pm) is trade day, focusing on group travel, with tours for businesses, clubs, schools and societies to meet with exhibitors and find out what is available for them. It's the best chance to sit down and discuss their exact needs with exhibitors.

Sunday (10am-4pm) will see a more family-orientated day, with children's events including face-painting and a conjuror.

Event manager Liz Hare said: "The last four years have received tremendous support, enabling us to take the show from strength to strength.

"We hope you enjoy your visit, and find it entertaining as well as informative.

"Exhibitors will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the thousands of wonderful travel and leisure opportunities you will come across, so feel free to browse at your leisure.

"There are many exclusive show discounts available too, so keep your eyes out for some great offers."

A show guide will provide information about timings of presentations that visitors can attend covering a wide range of subjects. Details will also be posted around the exhibition area, and visitors should listen out for announcements on the day.

As always, there are some great prizes to be won, and organisers are grateful once again to Fred. Olsen Cruise Line for providing a magnificent cruise as the main prize.

A number of other prizes have also been generously donated by exhibitors and a draw will be made after the show.

Contestants should remember to place their tickets into the prize draw box at the entrance by 3.30pm on Sunday. Entry forms can also be collected at the reception desk.

Liz added: "Here in Kent we are also spoilt for choice when it comes to crossing the Channel, and there are some great ideas for short breaks.

"Further information about the wonderful opportunities available can be found within The France Zone featuring



many of the tourist attractions that country has to offer.

"There is something for everyone at the Travel and Leisure Show and plenty of experts on hand to help you find out more."

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CROWDS:

The show has become a popular event for all your holiday needs

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NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ No Victoria service

RAIL services out of London Victoria will be suspended on Sunday due to planned engineering work.

Southeastern will be operating no services out of Victoria with mainline services diverted to operate out of London Cannon Street.

The work is taking place on the track between Victoria and Herne Hill.

For more details, see Southeastern's website at www.southeasternrailway.co.uk.

➔ Rising officer returns

AMBITIOUS Inspector Noel Stanley will be returning to the patch where he started his police career after taking up the post of neighbourhood inspector on Sheppey.

He succeeds Insp Alan Rogers, who moved to Maidstone in November 2011 to lead one of the district's response teams.

Insp Stanley, 34, has served with Kent Police for 16 years - initially based in Swale as a Constable and then a Sergeant.

➔ Cops break-up rave

POLICE broke up a rave in woodland near the A252 at Molash, near Faversham, on Sunday following reports that loud music could be heard in the area.

Officers attended at 4.35am and found 50 to 70 people gathered in the woodland. They were ordered off the site and a generator, turntable and associated equipment seized. Kent Police is continuing to investigate the incident.

CHARITY

PC's riot marathon across county

A POLICEMAN put his best foot forward yesterday – and ran a 26-mile marathon from Sittingbourne to Gravesend police station, while wearing full riot gear.

PC Dave Saunders, who is based at Medway, set off at 8am from Sittingbourne joined by PC Ann Jeffery, who cycled alongside him.

Along the route he was cheered on by colleagues and well-wishers.

The run comes as a taster of what lies in store when he tackles the London Marathon in April. He will be raising money through the combined 52-miles for cancer charity Macmillan.

And he hopes wearing the riot gear will help people dig deep and donate to his sponsorship fund.

A police spokesman explained: "Level 2 riot officers are required each year to complete a 500m fitness test in their full gear, in under two minutes, 45 seconds. The challenge Dave has

set for himself is the equivalent to completing 84 fitness tests, back to back. It's a fantastic achievement."

PC Saunders added: "Cancer touches all of our lives and I am hoping to raise as much money as possible for a fantastic cause.

"My aim is to raise £2,000 for Macmillan and ask that anyone who can afford to make a donation please does so."

He had already secured close to £900 before starting yesterday's riot marathon.

It is not the first time he's raised funds for charity though.

In 2010, he formed part of a small team – which also included PC Jeffery – which cycled 500 miles across Panama, Costa Rica and into Nicaragua in 41 degree heat to raise £11,000 for Macmillan. To sponsor PC Saunders' efforts this year go to www.justgiving.com/DaveSaunderspolice.



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CHARITY

Marathon man Bishop ducks into

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COMEDY star turned charity hero John Bishop was this week waiting on the results of an MRI scan amid fears his remarkable efforts may have taken a permanent toll on his body.

The star spent much of last week in Kent as part of an incredible charity effort which saw him cycle 185 miles from Paris to Calais, row 26 miles across the English Channel into Dover, and then run three back-to-back marathons through Kent, before triumphantly crossing the finish line in Trafalgar Square on Friday night.

He has raised more than £1.6million so far for Sport Relief – enough to vaccinate more than 250,000 children in Africa from five deadly illnesses, as well as supporting those closer to home.

This week those involved reflected on the part they had played in the 290-mile trek.

After his first marathon from Dover to Faversham, Mr Bishop and his entourage stayed at the town's Judd's Folly Hotel in Syndale Park.

Manager Jason Wolverson explained: "We only knew the week before. We had a group booking from Sports Relief but we didn't know exactly who was coming.

"He was absolutely shattered when he got here. He had to go straight to his room to have all the massage and physio to help him."

The comic was joined by around 45 support staff and camera crew who were following him during what he had dubbed his Week of Hell.

Mr Wolverson said: "In the evening there was



a big dinner for everyone. We put him in a bedroom with a four-poster bed so all his treatments could fit in. He was really friendly and let us take photos and signed cards for us. He left at 8.30am to go to Faversham to start his run again."

The hotel has had other famous guests in the past, including singer Bjork and TV chef James Martin.

After resuming his run, Mr Bishop headed through Sittingbourne en route to Gravesend.

The chance to pay a tribute was too good to miss for plumbing supply firm Plumb-bay in West Street, Sittingbourne.

James Wood, director of the company, said: "We had been trying to think of something we could do for Sport Relief. We were contemplating doing the run at Mote Park in Maidstone and then John ran past our shop."

Staff saw a chance to get their mascot, the Plumb Duck, to meet the runner.

MARATHON EFFORT: John Bishop stayed at Judd's Folly Hotel in Faversham during his fundraising extravaganza last week

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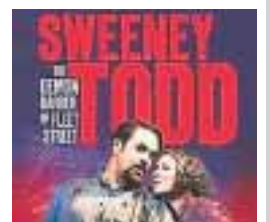
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Mr Wood said: "As he ran past the guys thought we should do something so Ben got the duck who then met him in Maidstone Road to run with him as far as he could."

The mascot gave him a cheque and a percentage of the firm's orders on the day were sent to Sport Relief.

Mr Wood said the comic was in agony when the duck caught up with him but he still had time to talk and was grateful for the support.



Shop staff and the mascot then travelled to London to greet John Bishop as he completed his gruelling challenge.

Mr Wood said: "It was just lucky he ran past our shop. It took us a while to catch up with him. We want to have a bit of fun with the duck this year. We are thinking of doing a lot of things for other charities, such as Demelza."

After running through Sittingbourne the comedian ran on through Medway where he was

joined by a number of famous faces – among them BBC Radio One DJ Chris Moyles and comic Frank Skinner.

After completing the race, Mr Bishop was left in severe pain and suffering shin splints. He spent much of this week with his lower leg in a brace to allow it time to recover.

Sport Relief takes place over March 23-25. A documentary of Mr Bishop's incredible feat will be broadcast on the BBC prior to the weekend.



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EVENTS

Bands needed for hospice's festival

By Chris Britcher

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CHILDREN'S hospice Demelza is looking to stage a music festival this summer – and is now on the hunt to sign some top talent to perform.

The Bobbing-based charity is appealing to local bands to take part in the event which will take place in June. What's more, organisers want to recruit stallholders too, to give the occasion an authentic feel.

The festival will be aimed at young people aged 15 and over who use Demelza's hospice services and who wouldn't usually get the chance to attend such an event. It will take place on Saturday, June 30, from 2pm to 8pm.

Sharon Harvey, young person outreach worker at the hospice, is determined to make the event a great success.

She said: "I really feel passionate about being able to deliver this music festival to the best of my ability. I have been with Demelza for a year now and through working alongside these young people and listening to what they have to say, I know music is important for them all and brings pleasure to their everyday life.

"I have found that discussions around music have brought young people together and I believe they would all love to feel that buzz and atmosphere that a festival can bring."

Anyone interested in taking part in the festival should contact Sharon Harvey on 01795 845235. Stallholders, such as henna tattooists, should also get in touch if they can assist.

Meanwhile, the Kent Reliance team helped Demelza launch its Pay for a Day initiative. Designed to get corporate supporters to raise the £6,000 needed for a typical day's running costs, Kent Reliance raised funds in Strood, Chatham and Sittingbourne.

To get the scheme off to a flying start, the finance firm raised money on February 29 – the extra day because of the leap year.

Steve Hoy, chief executive of Demelza said, "The firm's team proved to be a fantastic support to us on leap day, through raising essential funds and getting stuck in with the fundraising challenge.

"The money raised will really help us to continue to be there for every life-limited and life-threatened child, young person and their family, within our region as and when they need us."



PUT TO THE VOTE: Festival-goers get to decide on key elements of the Apple Tarts Festival

TAKE CHARGE OF EVENT

ORGANISERS of a small scale music festival in Faversham have confirmed it will be returning this summer.

The Apple Tarts festival will take place over two days in June, featuring live bands, entertainment, DJs, live art, food, headphone disco and a midnight bonfire.

Tickets for the event, which takes place at Brogdale Farm from June 3-4, are on sale now. There is a capacity of just 500.

A spokesman for the event said: "Apple Tarts

was conceived as an event where the people were at the centre of everything, and now we are giving those people the power to decide what happens. We're excited, but also a little bit scared.

"This year we have introduced a very special theme: The Tarts Republic. Every week we'll be running a vote on something to do with the event, where festival attendees and prospective attendees will be able to have their say on what will happen on June 3. So, for example

this week we have been asking if they want fancy dress. If they answer yes, although currently it's not winning, next week we will give five options for them to vote on.

"After that, the vote is on which flavour of crisps they'd like in the bar."

The event starts at 1pm on June 3 with entertainment. Those attending can camp overnight with the site closing on Monday, June 4, at 1pm. Tickets cost £38.50. For details see www.appletartsfestival.co.uk.

LICENCE

Lounge gets tough for summer

A RING of steel will be thrown up around this year's Lounge on the Farm music festival in Canterbury, in a bid to calm the authorities' nerves.

As the first string of big names to perform at the three-day event in July were unveiled, organisers confirmed, details of the licence bid submitted to the city council.

Festival chiefs re-applied following complaints over traffic and crime last summer.

It has now opted to work with local authorities in a bid to secure the long-term future for what has become one of the UK's top boutique events.

Brit Award winner Emeli Sande joins dance act Chic, drum and bass star Goldie, hip



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MURDER

Parents' emotional video message to islanders for help catching son's killer

By Chris Britcher

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A TEARFUL video pleading for residents of a remote island to help in the hunt for the killer of Carl Davies has been released by his parents.

And in it they put up a £10,000 reward in a desperate bid to find those responsible.

The short film makes a direct appeal to the people of the island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean – where the popular 33-year-old was found dead in November last year.

His body was discovered at the foot of a ravine. The authorities at first said it was an accident but a second post mortem revealed he had in fact been murdered.

Now Maria and Andy Davies appear in a YouTube video which is to be heavily promoted on the island in a bid to find out just what happened to their son.

The video, which is subtitled into French, for the islanders, sees the couple sit side-by-side.

Mrs Davies says: "Carl was our much loved son and an inspiration to anyone who knew him. He taught lots of children and when we speak to the parents and those children, they tell us what an inspiration he was and that brings us great comfort.

"Carl visited your island on Monday, November 7. He rung us and spoke to us all and told us what a beautiful island it was. He was truly hap-



PLEA FOR INFORMATION:

Andy and Maria Davies have made a video for help catching their son Carl's murderer

py in his new job and new life.

"Unfortunately our son was tragically murdered on your island and we would like you to help us.

"I plead with you, as an island, that if you know anything that happened to Carl or anyone involved please help us.

"As a family we are prepared to put up a £10,000 reward for information that will lead to a conviction."

Struggling not to break down, his tearful mother concludes: "When my son died a part of

me died and I cannot comprehend my life without him in it so please if you can help us, please do that."

Mr Davies, an ex-Royal Marine, was a former student at Borden Grammar. He was a hugely popular teacher at Sittingbourne Community College between 2005 and 2008. He was head of public services at the Isle of Sheppey Academy before he quit the job last August.

He then became employed with a private security firm as part of an anti-piracy operation. It was this role which took him to the island.

CHARITY

Week sounds great

A FREE aftercare clinic for the deaf and hard-of-hearing will take place in Faversham every day next week.

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GONE TO POT: Police found nearly 1,000 cannabis plants when they hit premises at New Road

CRIME

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A CANNABIS plantation went up in smoke after a police raid in Sheerness.

Police discovered around 1,000 plants in commercial premises off New Road.

They were alerted after being called to the site following a report of a burglary.

When officers entered the building they discovered plants in all stages of cultivation. It was subsequently destroyed by police.

Neighbourhood Inspector Noel Stanley, from Kent Police, said: "This was a substantial factory, designed for producing cannabis on an industrial scale."

"We have struck a strong blow to those involved as we have destroyed a significant number of plants and a factory that would have cost a lot of money to set up."

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TELEVISION

Sergeant waltzes in to showcase photo under spotlight in new BBC TV series

By Chris Britcher

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TV PRESENTER John Sergeant will be featured in Faversham for a new BBC TV series which airs this week.

Britain's First Photo Album follows in the footsteps of Victorian photographer Francis Frith.

In the 1860s, he embarked upon a monumental mission to document every city, town and village in the UK.

The Frith Collection is a nationally important private photographic archive containing more than 365,000 photographs depicting some 7,000 towns and villages forming a topographical record of Britain.

In his quest to find out what has changed and what has stayed the same, Mr Sergeant and a film crew shot scenes at the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre and in the town's recreation ground.

The second episode in the series which features the footage is aired on BBC2 at 6.30pm on Tuesday, March 13.

While at the centre, Mr Sergeant, who made headlines with his performance in Strictly Come Dancing, interviewed the Faversham Society's costume curator Jennifer Shipman about the style of dress of the period.

Frith's photograph of the town was taken in 1892, and shows a group of families relaxing and enjoying the sunshine in the recreation ground.

Local historian Dr Arthur Percival was able to show the film crew how little has changed. He said: "In the days when quite a lot of townspeople were living in houses without gardens, they loved to enjoy the fresh air and space in the rec, as indeed they do now."

A hardback book to accompany the series will shortly be available at the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre.



PICTURE PERFECT: John Sergeant visited Faversham for series

CHARITY

Region to benefit from state-of-the-art pitch

WORK will begin in two weeks' time on a state-of-the-art 3G artificial pitch at a Faversham school after a special presentation.

Premier League-funded charity the Football Foundation presented a £390,000 cheque to the headteacher of the Abbey School, Catrin Woodend last Friday.

It will go towards funding the pitch which will be used by the school and local community.

Among those set to benefit will be youth football clubs Faversham Town Juniors and Faversham Strike Force.

Faversham MP and Minister for Sport and the Olympics, Hugh Robertson, who was at the cheque hand over, said: "It doesn't get much better than this, when a school in my constituency gets a grant for this sum of money to enable it to play the national game in Olympic year."

"This new all-weather facility will be available for use under floodlight, allowing 85 hours of play a week. It will provide a raft of extra opportunities for anyone living in Faversham and the surrounding area to come and play football."

The pitch, which can be transformed into three, seven-a-side pitches, will officially open in September 2012. Sixty per cent of its usage is earmarked for the community.

The Abbey School has provided £186,000 for the project.

Mrs Woodend, said: "There has been a relentless pursuit to achieve the goal of having a 3G football pitch at the Abbey School."

"The project has taken three years, but it has been worth it. The town of Faversham deserves to have such a facility for its people."

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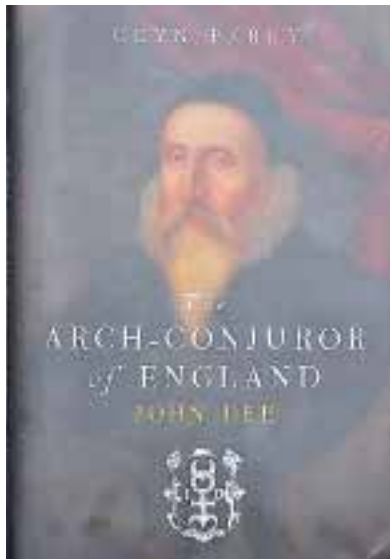
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KENT REMEMBERED



TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED: John Dee's remarkable exploits are revealed in Glyn Parry's new book

The man who had the ear of royals and angels

By Nick Ames

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LITTLE known Kent connections with one of the most controversial figures ever to be part of this country's royal court have come to light in a newly-published book.

The Arch-Conjuror of England – John Dee, explores the life of man who pursued careers as an alchemist, magician, political advisor, and prophet, during Queen Elizabeth I's reign.

It was even claimed – mainly by Dee himself – that he conversed on a regular basis with angels.

Drawing on primary historical sources, author Glyn Parry, a fellow of the Royal Historical Society, examines Dee's vast number of political, magical and scientific writings. And in exploring his family origins the writer sheds light on the role the port of Gravesend played in his formative years – and eventual escape to Europe.

One of Dee's major preoccupations was a British Empire in the Americas and Europe which he based on the wholly mythical idea that King Arthur had once ruled such domains.

He even claimed – in later life – to be descended from Welsh princes, including Arthur himself.

But Dee's family was more down to earth. Loyalty to King Henry VIII after his split with the Catholic Church ensured they prospered.

Roland Dee married 15-year-old Jane Wilde, heiress of William, who was a major landowner in what was then called



MAN OF MYSTERY: John Dee was forced to flee to Gravesend Milton-next-Gravesend.

The family became politically important in the north Kent area and John was born in 1527.

The Dees moved up to London, but financial scandals forced Roland back to Gravesend, where powerful political allies protected him against his creditors.

The Wildes of Gravesend were also helpful in John Dee's appointments at court, giving him the opportunity to attend as physician to the dying noblewoman Elizabeth Parr, a friend of Queen Elizabeth's.

As his reputation grew Dee straddled the worlds of science and magic – to the concern of many courtiers.

And as well as lecturing on advanced algebra at the University of Paris while still in his early 20s, he was a respected astronomer, as well as a leading expert in navigation, having trained many of those who would conduct England's voyages of discovery.

He devoted much time to attempting to talk with angels in order to learn the universal language of creation and bring about the unity of mankind.

Dee did not draw distinctions between his mathematical research and his investigations into magic, angel summoning, and divination. Instead he considered all of his activities to constitute the search for an understanding of the divine.

In his lifetime, Dee amassed one of the largest libraries in England at his house in Mortlake, near London, and served as an occasional adviser and tutor to Elizabeth I.

But enemies gathered at court and forced Dee to flee, owing money. He used his connections in Gravesend where a ship took him to Holland.

According to legend, a mob incensed by his sinister reputation, destroyed his house, scientific instruments and books, but Parry says this did not happen and they were merely removed by his creditors.

On return to England he never regained his former status and died around 1608. He has no marked grave.

The British Museum holds several items once owned by Dee, including an Aztec mirror, wax seals, a crystal ball, and golden amulet.

It is believed that Shakespeare based the character of Prospero on him and musicians Damon Albarn of Blur, Blue Oyster Cult, and Iron Maiden have all written songs about him.

Dee is, in 2012, even a character in PlayStation games.



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OPINION

Extradition treaty law unto itself

As Kent businessman Christopher Tappin is denied bail in America, MEP **Nigel Farage** says UK government should stop pandering to US laws...

I'M absolutely appalled that Christopher Tappin has been denied bail, but even more so that Home Secretary Theresa May has done absolutely nothing to help the situation.

A few weeks ago, I wrote to Mrs May to ask her, nay plead with her, to put the case for bail to the US Justice Department, but answers there were none, and now we know that 65-year-old Mr Tappin, with an unblemished record and a successful business history, will stay locked in a stark, violent, American prison until his trial.

Things are going from bad to worse for Christopher Tappin.

The hard-working grandfather from Orpington was described as "a danger to the community" by US prosecutors, and this led to Judge Robert Casteneda's refusal of bail.

The British government is making no effort whatsoever.

In its election manifesto, the Conservative Party pledged to

reform the current extradition-agreement with the US; and yet, once in power, it conveniently concluded the arrangements were perfectly satisfactory.

Judging by the number of people who have contacted me there is a crying need for this agreement to be revised.

As with the monstrous European Arrest Warrant, it goes against centuries of British justice that, at the order of a foreign magistrate, a British subject can be deported to face trial abroad, without *prima facie* evidence being produced against him. For committal to trial in the UK, the prosecution is always required to present *prima facie* evidence of all of the essential facts of its case. If it cannot, its case will be dismissed without any need for a response from the defence.

Thus, the very basis of our legal system is completely abolished by these extradition arrangements. In another exam-

ple – this time by order of a European Arrest Warrant based simply on the signature of a Greek magistrate – British student Andrew Symeou was shipped off to Greece and held in custody for more than a year, before coming to trial.

He was found not guilty, as one glance at the evidence would have shown.

And now Mr Tappin has been refused bail he faces the awful dilemma of waiting years in prison for a trial, knowing his defence will cost upwards of \$1 million, knowing his witnesses will not want to risk being arrested themselves if they travel to the States to testify, and knowing that, if he is found guilty – after all the Americans will want a result after extraditing him – he faces life in prison and probably dying in jail, unless he accepts a plea bargain.

If he pleads guilty to a lesser charge then he could serve only a few years in jail and,



hopefully, be back in the UK in time to continue caring for his ill wife. He will, of course, have a criminal record, without having committed any crime.

All this has become the vile reality for Mr Tappin, and his family, because of the inaction of Theresa May, and the Government, who defend the right of terrorists and do nothing to look after their own hard-working, loyal, tax-paying nationals.

Anyone who wishes to show their support for Mr Tappin and to show they want these extradition arrangements to conform to our own laws, should sign up to the petition I have set up at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/30569>.

Mr Cameron is meeting President Obama on the March 13. Let's ensure he has a strong message from us, before he goes, that we want change, and we want justice for Mr Tappin.

■ Nigel Farage is the leader of Ukip and a Kent MEP.

KOS COMMENT

Sat nav firms must act to stop lorry problems

THANKS to the huge numbers of foreign lorries that use our roads, Kent suffers more than most from the problem of large trucks getting stuck in country lanes.

Most of us at one time or another have encountered the gridlock that can be caused when sat nav systems direct HGVs through village high streets that were designed in an era of the horse and cart rather than the internal combustion engine.

Now the Freight Transport Association is challenging sat nav manufacturers to make their machines choose appropriate routes for large lorries. It would certainly be a better use of the companies' time than organising celebrity sat nav voices.

Farewell to the towers

RICHBOROUGH Power Station's cooling towers are due to be flattened this weekend. They may be considered an ugly industrial eyesore by some people, but you cannot deny the impressiveness of these structures.

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A grey squirrel in Walderslade Woods
by Lauryn Anderson, aged 12



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Thanet needs the right links

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First of all the we need a proper high-speed rail link, not the pathetic Ramsgate Channel Tunnel loop.

The out-of-date roads, M2 and its links need updating.

If these things were done (it's not just about airports) people would live here and commute. My children had to leave years ago as did many others because of the poor services provided to this area.

Other areas in the country have had them for years, where you can get to London

in under an hour, and they are further away.

It's the fault of respective governments, what ever party, and also the money-draining EU.

This area has become more and more run down over the years, but airports attract companies and help local employment.

Yes, people must be considered – give them free insulation and double glazing. Remember Thanet council and Kent County Council, these projects need your support.

With a good road and rail link it would be more than accessible. You don't need to go building airports in the Thames estuary where nature is at its best.

Tearing up open countryside – the cost would be far more than using Manston. The runway could be moved round at Manston to go out over the sea.

Night flights – but where are the day flights? They are not

here because of incompetence from Thanet council, KCC, and respective governments.

Adrian Ottley, Birchington

Greens say no to night flights

THE Dover and Thanet Green parties are asking Thanet District Council to take note of our objection to night flights.

We note firstly that Manston's job forecasts have been shown to be absurdly exaggerated which we condemn as deeply unhelpful to a rational discussion about the economic prospects of both the airport and the possibilities those prospects would or would not provide for the area.

The fact is that Manston has lost both jobs and money, and night flights will not help the airport in the current economic climate.

York Aviation's prediction that by 2018, Manston will have created 2,070 direct jobs by handling 2,286,000

passengers a year – that's 1,104 jobs per million passengers – four times higher than its sister airport at Prestwick.

Thanet and Dover Green parties suggest it is time to start considering a Plan B for the airport site, one that could genuinely have a hope of creating the jobs the area so desperately needs.

An all-weather leisure centre to compliment the re-development of Dreamland would be a good use for the site.

Concerning the effects of night flights, the arguments against accepting increased noise at night are substantial.

The World Health Organisation, offers a comprehensive list of the negative effects of excessive noise on people including: earing impairment; pain; perceived noisiness and annoyance; interference with communication and speech perception; sleep disturbance; effects during sleep such as on heart rate, finger pulse and respiration; stress; cardiovas-

cular effects; mental disorders; undermining task performance and productivity; and deficits in reading acquisition amongst children. These should provide enough reasons to ban night flights from Manston permanently.

Tim Spurrier, Green Party

Everyone's not an expert, Roy

'EXPERTS' almost brought the world into financial meltdown.

'Experts' gave us Thalidomide and 'experts' laughed at the amateur meteorologist who said there would be a hurricane in 1987.

We don't need lectures from Roy Duff on 'experts' (Letters, March 4).

Their problem' is they have their own narrow view which, once committed to, is almost impossible to change through loss of pride and status.

Many of these 'experts' have been discredited and found to be massaging figures to suit

their own theories.

The world is facing many serious man-made problems which need urgent attention, before worrying about something that's been happening for thousands of years and over which we have no control.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Rainbow sign that welcomes

PRIDE in Canterbury have been inviting businesses in the area to display rainbow stickers at the entrance to their premises.

These small stickers send out a message that the premises are either gay-run, or gay-friendly. They are more likely to encourage lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people to enter into, and to give their custom to, such businesses, especially in areas that are not known to welcome them. We have been heartened by the response.

For the eight years Pride in Canterbury has been working, we have been sending out the message it would be financially beneficial to Canterbury, and indeed to the whole of Kent, to demonstrate and advertise a willingness to welcome LGBT visitors, and indeed residents, of all ages, to the city.

This is of particular importance in these difficult financial times.

We know that by holding Thanet LGBT Pride Days, Margate has welcomed, and appreciated, the value of attracting the 'pink pound', the money LGBT people have available to spend.

The lack of such a welcome, because of fear and prejudice will drive away the talents, skills, energies and the money of young LGBT people and they will not return.

The recent 'Pop Up Pride' event in Folkestone brought LGBT visitors into the town. Rainbow flags were flying, but there were no riots, no outrages, no horses were frightened. A good time was had by all, and we found a gay-friendly cafe to which we will certainly return.

We will now provide these stickers free of charge to any gay-friendly businesses and organisations in the Thanet area if they contact us with details at prideincanterbury@btinternet.com.

Andrew Brettell, Pride in Canterbury

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Perfect time to cash in on golden opportunity

Q Just over a year ago you advised me not to sell my two gold Krugerrand coins because you thought the price would climb. Thank you, as their value has risen from £870 to £1,050 each. Should I sell now?

A Since you wrote to me, gold has risen further. Investors still regard gold as safer than currencies like the euro. This unlikely to change overnight. Unless you need the cash keep your coins, but watch the gold price as well. If it retreats to £1,050, sell and pocket your profits.

Q When my husband and I split up, he carried on using the joint account that we had opened to pay household bills. I was not aware of this, as he gave the bank his new address so statements went straight to him. He is now overdrawn, and with interest the account is £1,890 in the red. The bank has written to me, holding me responsible. Is this legal?

A I am afraid it is legal. It is not even unusual in divorce or separation for one partner to run up bills at the other partner's expense. Anyone who has a joint account is totally liable for any debts on that account. When you open a joint account, you give the bank power to chase you for repayments, even if the cash actually went to your other half. There are only a couple of things you can now do. The first is to negotiate with the bank. As a rough rule of thumb, the chances are that it might be willing to write off about £550, if you can find the remaining £1,340. Secondly, you can sue your husband. Neither course of action is perfect, but the uncomfortable fact is the bank is in the right. Anyone who splits with their partner should tell the bank at once, so fresh debts are avoided.

Q Like a reader who wrote to you recently, I think redundancies are due where I work. Is unemployment insurance worthwhile, and how much does it cost?

A The cost of insurance against unemployment is based mainly on your age and income. The older you are, and the higher your income, the bigger the premiums. But to give an example, let's suppose you are about 30 and would like to claim £1,000 or so each month you are out of work. Think in terms of paying about £40 a month now in premiums. But be careful. If you know that your job will go, then you have left it too late. You can't insure against something that you are certain is going to happen.

Q I am approaching 65, work for myself, and have saved about £200,000 in my pension pot. I have been told this will buy only £10,300 as an annuity. I have also been told that if I die, the whole

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



£200,000 goes to some insurance company, and not to my family. This seems grossly unfair.

A There are a few steps you can take, but they come at a price. For a start, you can draw a quarter of the £200,000 as a tax-free lump sum – but, of course, that would leave only £150,000 for your pension. You can also choose an annuity that guarantees payments for five or 10 years to your family if you die, but this again will reduce the pension you get now. Similarly, if you choose an annuity with a widow's pension, the amount you get now will fall. On the brighter side, you seem to have been quoted quite a low annuity. Consult a broker and shop around. Aviva, Canada Life, and Legal & General have all quoted annuity rates recently that would pay closer to £12,000 than £10,300.

Q If the Government goes ahead with plans to take child benefit away from anyone who pays higher-rate tax, how much am I allowed to earn before this will affect us? My wife is not employed as she looks after our two children, both under five.

A The changes to child benefit are planned for April next year. As things stand, you start to be a higher-rate taxpayer when you have taxable income of £35,000. Since the first £7,475 of income escapes tax, this means you can have a gross income of £42,475 before losing child benefit. I fully expect this figure will rise before April, 2013.

Q I took out a student loan nearly 10 years ago. Since leaving college I have – by my own choice – worked for a charity that pays a low salary so I have made no repayments. My partner has now asked what will happen if I reach retirement without having repaid the loan, and I have realised that I don't know the answer!

A The student loan rules in force when you borrowed the money mean that anything still owed will be written off if you reach 65 without having repaid the lot.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

Banks forced to inform customers mis-sold PPI

By **Adam Aiken**

Editor MyMoney 24

THE crackdown on mis-sold payment protection insurance (PPI) has taken another step forward, with banks and other financial providers being forced to notify customers they may have been victims of the scandal.

The Financial Services Authority (FSA) has said the industry must tell customers in jargon-free letters that they may have been mis-sold PPI.

Analysts said the development was a "key moment" in the mis-selling saga. It means millions of people who might otherwise not have bothered to see if they were due refunds will now be prompted by the banks to consider whether they are owed redress.

PPI has been one of the biggest mis-selling scandals in recent years, with millions of consumers sold unsuitable products.

Many people – particularly those who were self-employed – found they were ineligible to make claims under the policies, while others found the terms and conditions were so specific that meeting the criteria to make a claim was all but impossible.

In some cases, people were told they wouldn't be approved for loans or credit cards if they did not take out PPI at the same time, even though a credit application process is entirely separate from PPI. Other tricks included adding the total cost of the premiums to the initial loan amount, resulting in the borrower paying interest on the insurance throughout the lifetime of the loan.

Although PPI is a good product in certain situations, so much mis-selling took place that banks and other PPI providers are now having to repay billions of pounds to millions of people. Banks are set to pay out more than £4 billion this year alone after about £1.9bn was paid out last year.



HIT: PPI victims continue to tug away at banks that mis-sold so many policies

"The mis-selling of PPI was a national rip-off with many people paying for something they didn't need – or weren't even eligible to use," said Gillian Guy, chief executive at Citizens Advice.

"We're pleased the FSA is making banks write to all those customers who might have been mis-sold PPI explaining they can make a claim."

Meanwhile, the move could spell trouble for the burgeoning claims-management industry.

Consumer groups have warned against using third parties to help make PPI claims, urging people to make their own complaints instead.

Although claims managers can take the hassle out of the process, they also take a slice of any money you win back – and this can be as much as 25pc of the compensation.

"We've had people coming to us

for help because claims management companies put pressure on them to make a claim, took huge fees, or a successful claim had been made but all of the money went to the clients' creditors and they were then left in debt to the claims management company for their fee," said Ms Guy.

"Anyone who is using a claims management company must make sure they read the small print and don't commit to anything until they fully understand fees and charges."

Claims handlers have been proactive in encouraging potential victims to see if they can make claims.

Given the banks have now been told by the FSA to write to their customers and prompt them to look at their own situations, consumer advocates will be hoping that more people take on their own cases rather than rely on outside help.

MPs call for greater transparency to protect 'most vulnerable' from payday loan providers

A CRACKDOWN on debt management companies and payday loan providers is needed, with the industry responsible for "vulnerable and desperate" people losing their homes.

That is the verdict of an influential panel of MPs, which is calling for greater transparency in a market that has boomed in recent years.

A report by the Business, Innovation and Skills Committee published this week called for a fast-track procedure to be put in place that enables lenders' credit licences to be suspended.

The Debt Management report also called for a limit in the rolling-over of payday loans, and for lenders to record all transactions on a single database.

Payday loans – which typically charge interest of several thousand per cent on an annual basis – are designed to be fixes for short-term cashflow problems, but the MPs heard of cases where consumers found themselves trying to juggle more than 20 of these loans at once.

"During these difficult economic times, increasing numbers of people

up and down the country – not least some of the most vulnerable members of our society – are relying on the provision of consumer debt management services and payday loans to make ends meet," said committee chairman Adrian Bailey.

"And yet this industry remains opaque and poorly regulated."

The committee found that in extreme cases, consumers had lost their homes after their problems spiralled out of control, falling victim to the very companies they had turned to for help.

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Your business is our business

Can our high streets ride the storm and secure a future?

By Nick Ames

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HYTHE high street is about as typical a traditional shopping thoroughfare as can be found anywhere in Kent.

There are bookshops, newsagents, antiques and gift stores, clothes shops, cafés, pubs and restaurants, as well as a market that's open a couple of days a week.

But, according to many traders in the centre of this delightful town, Hythe high street is far from thriving. Takings at the till are sliding, footfall is declining and rents are increasing – all factors that could see some stores close their doors for good by the end of the year.

Alan Fairbairn and his wife Susan run Trouvailles antiques store and say that takings are down two-thirds from their peak and that rent has increased by half.

"We took over a 16-year lease on the shop," said Mr Fairbairn. There is provision for an increase in rent in the contract but nothing for a cut when takings are down as they are."

Mrs Fairbairn explained how the business had suffered over recent years. "There was a time when the value of antiques was really high," she said. "But the market has decreased in the last few years. We have a lot of stock which we bought during the boom time but are now having to sell at a loss."

"People wanted the feel-good factor of buying even 18 months ago, but now they just aren't."

Perhaps ironically, given that the couple say competition from the internet has hit sales, Mrs Fairbairn has started selling books on Amazon.

"It's a case of needs must," she said. "Today, I sold books for £120 on Amazon. I've taken nothing like that in the shop."

"At the till in recent days I've taken £24 once, just £6 another time. This shop has been our living, but I don't think it will be for very much longer."

"We've had to bail it out in the past a few times. But we can't bail it out for ever."

A representative sample of traders in the high street confirmed that takings had fallen between 10 per cent and 15 per cent since 2008 and had now reached a level that made running stores unsustainable.

The arrival of a Sainsbury's store some 100 yards from the high street has also taken away trade – town-centre shop-owners told me that, rather than bringing people into their businesses, the store pulled in people who did their shopping in the supermarket and then drove away.

Kevin Howell runs One One Two Wines and is also vice-chairman of the town chamber of commerce.

He said: "It is definitely tough out there and as a chamber we have been looking at ways to bring more people into the high street."

"Relaxation of parking restrictions and altering the traffic flow to make it more convenient for shoppers using Sainsbury's or Waitrose to also go to local stores have been discussed."

Mr Howell said the diverse nature of the stores was a positive factor in trying to win back customers, and to promote the town chamber



The problems of the traditional high street have been well documented as the rival attractions of online shopping and out-of-town retail centres combine with a sluggish economy to hit takings at the till. Here, Business Week takes a look at how traders in Hythe town centre are coping with the challenges and problems of getting shoppers back through the doors

FIGHTING BACK: Kevin Howell, who runs One One Two Wines and is vice-chairman of the town's chamber of commerce, sees Hythe's diverse nature of stores as a positive in trying to bring customers back to the high street



was printing the Hythe Guide, with 50,000 copies to be made available over the next two years.

John Reesby, who runs John's Menswear and has been in business for 20 years, says his loyal customer base – and, critically, the fact that he owns his premises – means he is still positive about the future.

He said: "It's an old-fashioned outfitters that sells just about everything. A group of loyal cus-

tomers down the generations have helped and we even get people down from London."

"I own the building so have no rent to pay – and that is a major factor for me."

"But I can see how tough it is out there and when I look at the businesses in the high street and their prospects in the near future I don't think some will survive."

Roger House, chairman of the Federation of Small Businesses in Kent and Medway, said: "The retail market has seen major changes with the growth of out-of-town shopping superstores and the internet."

"Town centres and traditional high streets, that developed before motor vehicles and the internet, face more competition than ever before."

"In some places there are too many shops, and demand for their products and services is insufficient to cover the costs of rent and rates, causing an increasing number of vacant premises."

"There is a domino effect – as shops close, there is a reduction in passing trade and this causes reduced footfall to other shops and we enter a downward spiral."

"Mary Portas [Government town-centre adviser] has identified ways local communities may get together to reverse this trend and the FSB urges local authorities to maintain and improve access to town centres."

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MAIN MAN: Richard Frost, of Sheperd Neame

New head brewer ales role at oldest brewery

SHEPHERD Neame's new head brewer says he is relishing the opportunity to work with an award-winning brewing team and top-quality local hops at Britain's oldest brewer.

Richard Frost, 54, has more than 30 years' experience in the industry and was site manager and head brewer at the Wolverhampton brewery, part of Marston's, since 2003.

"I am honoured to be the head brewer of Britain's oldest brewer," said Frost.

"Although it is a long-established company, there have been lots of changes in recent years. Today it is a dynamic, forward-looking business, with a flexible and agile approach to brewing and fulfilling customer orders.

"The use of modern business planning processes has delivered benefits in cost-effectiveness, energy-use and quality while still retaining Shepherd Neame's unique culture and traditional values."

Frost is responsible for all brewing, packaging and engineering operations, leading a team of 90. The team has won many industry awards, both for its production and management approach, and the quality of its ales and lagers.

He said: "I am impressed with the technical experience and depth of knowledge of people in key roles and also their commitment to developing the skills of the younger brewers coming through.

"Kentish ales brewed with local hops have a special character and I am particularly looking forward to discovering the range of historic hop varieties in the National Hop Collection, supported by Shepherd Neame, at Queen Court Farm. I am also impressed with the pilot brewery, which gives us a real chance to experiment and to develop different flavours and styles without being committed to a large production run."

Tom Falcon, Shepherd Neame's production and distribution director, said: "Richard is a talented and experienced brewer and we are sure he will do a great job leading our award-winning team."

By Nick Ames

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GROUPE Eurotunnel SA has announced a profit for 2011 of 11 million euros (approximately £9.2m) – compared with last year's loss of 57m euros (approx £47.6 million) – and the company is proposing to double its shareholders' returns.

Revenue for the year was 845m euros (approx £706m), vastly improving on 2010's 737m euros (£616m).

Compared with the 2010 results, revenue went up 16 per cent – if fluctuations in currency exchange rates are taken into account.

Jacques Gounon, Groupe Eurotunnel's chairman and chief executive officer, said: "In 2011, the Eurotunnel Group made a clear profit and generated significant cash flows despite the uncertain economic climate.

"The outlook is positive and – as a sign of our confidence in the future – we will ask the shareholders to vote at the AGM for the doubling of the dividend to €0.08 (6.6 pence) per share for the 2011 financial year."

The company AGM, scheduled for Thursday, July 26, in Coquelles, will see a vote on a doubled return for investors. A company source said it was "highly unlikely" that shareholders would vote against the proposal.

The company said several factors had contributed to its dramatic change in fortunes.

Spokesman John O'Keefe said: "It's a number of things that we have to take into account when looking at these figures.

"Firstly, the quality of service has been very good with a steady increase in traffic.

"The Icelandic volcano eruption in 2010 pushed people towards us and many have stuck with us. There is also the issue of fuel prices and the hassles attached to other forms of travel, such as surcharges on credit-card bookings and the delays encountered at airports.

"We run departures on our shuttle services every 15 minutes and that is very convenient for freight operators."

The company is expecting a busy year in 2012, with the London Olympics and Paralympics and The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

"It is looking very positive despite the econom-

ic situation," said Mr O'Keefe. "The period of the Olympics – late July and early August – coincides with the busiest period for holidaymakers leaving the UK, so services should be full both ways.

"Shuttles normally travel at 90mph and take 35 minutes to make the crossing, but we intend to speed them up to 100mph, which means



RIDE HIGH: Eurotunnel expects big things in 2012 with the Olympics and The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

crossing will take 30 minutes. So we shall be able to run five services an hour, rather than four, at peak periods."

During 2011, almost 19 million people crossed the English Channel using Eurotunnel trains. There was also an increase in passengers using Eurostar rail services.

any claim and deal with problems and paperwork."

Hammond bases his business philosophy on sourcing the most competitive quotes, reacting quickly to enquiries and checking with clients well before policy-renewal dates to ensure they have adequate cover.

"Of course there's always someone who will offer a cheaper service, but the real issue is providing the right cover and making sure that policies meet the needs of businesses as they grow," he said.

"I started my own business

10 years ago, so I know just how daunting it is, and a supportive consultancy such as ours can be tremendously reassuring."

Along with celebrating that 10th anniversary, Hammond is also marking 25 years as an insurance specialist.



SUPPORT: Simon Hammond

Conference centre's investment paying dividends as bookings increase in 2012

THE Kent Event Centre continues to prosper despite the economic uncertainty and is investing in improved facilities and new staff to help cope with increased demand.

KEC, the largest conference facility in Kent, has been at the County Showground at Detling since 1964.

The centre has expanded in recent years and the launch of the Clive Emson Conference Centre in June 2011 has resulted in a surge of bookings.

KEC events manager Alison

Wallington said the ongoing programme of investment in facilities at the centre, boosting choice and capacity for clients, was paying dividends in attracting more bookings.

The launch of the Clive Emson Centre had also opened up new markets.

She said: "By investing in facilities and maintaining a clear focus on customer service, we are enjoying a very successful start to 2012.

"We have also welcomed several new staff to the event

centre team to help us cope with increased demand."

Kent Event Centre hosts large-scale exhibitions, trade fairs, business conferences, dinner dances and weddings.

Conference facilities comprise the Clive Emson Conference Centre (1,700 sq m), the John Hendry Pavilion (1,750sq m), the Astor Pavilion (151 sq m) and the Kent Pavilion (3,000 sq m).

There are also six large meeting rooms and free parking for 30,000 vehicles.

Perfect 10 for insurance brokers

THE Hammond Consultancy is celebrating 10 years in business and increasing its market share among Kent companies whose turnovers are anything between £10,000 and £10 million

Simon Hammond is the principal of the the Ashford-based insurance brokers.

He said: "The problem with buying from an online insurance site is that you can sometimes be a bit isolated if you want to make a claim.

"In most cases we can compete with them on price, anyway, but in addition I am there to help the client with

any claim and deal with problems and paperwork."

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Invoice financing can help keep cash flow controlled

Managing control of your cash flow will always be an issue in business, but as **John Charsley**, head of sales for Bibby Financial Services South East, explains, invoice finance can provide an excellent solution

THE economic climate of recent years has resulted in businesses struggling to secure funding, with many financial institutions lacking the appetite to back small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), despite Government initiatives such as the Project Merlin agreement aimed at boosting funding to businesses.

Sluggish growth in the economy and factors such as the rise in VAT at the start of 2011 meant banks were less inclined to lend money, while it also contributed to the caution felt by SMEs when approaching banks for funding and taking on further debt.

However, with bills, invoices and salaries still requiring payment and raw materials and new equipment to be purchased, a healthy and ongoing supply of funds is integral to businesses' survival and to realise ambitions for sustained growth.

With this in mind, more and more businesses in Kent and beyond are broadening their horizons when it comes to reviewing the finance options available to them.

According to the latest quarterly statistics from the Asset Based Finance Association (ABFA)*, one form of finance that is being used increasingly by SMEs is 'invoice finance'.

This increase in popularity echoes our experience, with almost a 3 per cent growth in client numbers in the South East during the past year, despite the recession, as more and more businesses use invoice finance to achieve a healthy cash flow and fuel growth plans.

What is invoice finance?

When you are running a business, cash is king. Of all the challenges facing SMEs, generating cash and keeping it flowing can be two of the toughest. If your cash flow is suffering while you wait for your customers to pay their invoices, it may be appropriate to approach an invoice-finance company.

Generally speaking, invoice finance takes two main forms.

The first option for many businesses is factoring – a flexible funding and collections facility. Factoring helps to bridge the cash-flow gap between raising an invoice and getting paid, giving businesses an immediate cash-injection and then an ongoing supply of working capital against the value of outstanding customer invoices as they are raised.



NUMBERS GAME:

As John Charsley reveals, more and more of the county's SMEs are using invoice financing as a way of keeping a healthy cash flow and fuelling potential growth plans

Using a factoring facility, businesses also benefit from the provider's credit-management and collections service, saving them valuable time as the provider will chase and collect outstanding invoice payments on the firm's behalf.

The other main option is invoice discounting, a flexible funding-only solution. Unlike factoring, the business maintains control of the sales ledger and continues to collect payments from its customers against outstanding invoices.

What does it cost?

There are two fees involved. The first is for the cost of the finance. This compares favourably with the cost of a typical bank overdraft.

The second is for the service you receive, which on average is between 0.5 and 3 per cent of annual turnover, but it depends on the number of customers you deal with and the number of invoices you raise. Compare it against the cost of your existing credit-control team and the savings you will make.

Never decide on cost alone – consider the quality of the service you receive and ensure you are comparing like for like.

Choosing a suitable provider

There are now in the region of 50 different companies offering invoice-finance facilities in the UK, including bank-owned providers, independent companies like Bibby Financial Services and boutique firms, which provide services for just one or two niche industries.

Typically, firms are introduced to a supplier

through their bank, a broker, financial adviser or accountant.

However, we are also seeing increasing numbers of businesses getting in touch directly with us to discuss whether invoice finance would suit their financial needs.

To help you choose a suitable factoring company to work with your business, you should ask the following questions:

- Are they a member of The Asset Based Finance Association (ABFA)?
- What percentage of your invoices will be approved by the invoice financier and therefore funded?
- Who will look after your account and do you have access to the decision-makers?
- How will the invoice financier work with your customers? Will they communicate by phone, mail or both?

Are there any hidden charges?

Through the depths of the last recession we have seen from our near-4,000-strong client base just how important securing funding has been, not only in terms of businesses surviving but also in building for growth.

Many firms like the flexibility offered by invoice finance as it can help them to manage the peaks and troughs most businesses experience without having to renegotiate a long-term financial arrangement.

■ To find out more about invoice finance, visit www.bibbyfinancialservices.com



BIG OPPORTUNITY: Manston airport in Thanet

Airport chiefs positive Mumbai trip will land new freight contracts

MANSTON airport says it is confident of landing new customers after showcasing what it has to offer at the world's biggest freight exhibition in India.

Air Cargo India 2012, held in Mumbai, is this year's largest freight-aviation exhibition. It brings together almost 2,500 of the world's senior air-freight businesses and the people who make the day-to-day decisions behind an industry that, despite the global downturn, is continuing to grow.

Speaking after returning from the event, Allan MacQuarrie, the group freight-development manager who is based at Manston, said: "The show enabled us to meet the world's air-freight industry in one place."

"It's much more than trying to secure customers from India – the net is cast much wider and includes the potential for new freight traffic from the Middle East, Africa and Europe."

"This year we saw an increase in enquiries for our general cargo capabilities, as well as for handling fresh produce."

"Our freight customers are attracted by our industry-beating turnaround times for flights, competitive prices and fewer delays than at other UK airports."

"It is a highly competitive marketplace, but we are confident we will secure new freight customers and grow this part of the Manston business during the year."

As well as welcoming freight forwarders, airlines, and charter service companies, Air Cargo India 2012 also hosts many of the world's leading freight airports, with a big contingency from Germany including Cologne Bonn, Frankfurt Hahn, Hannover and Stuttgart.

Charles Buchanan, chief executive of Manston airport, said: "Given the rising level of freight being imported into the UK, and our ability to beat every other South East airport in terms of time it takes to unload and prepare the airline for take-off, means we are very well placed to grow our freight business."

Rail-travel specialist delighted to remain at Kings Hill

CONTINENTAL train-travel specialist Rail Europe is to retain its Kings Hill headquarters for a further 10 years.

The company is the UK's leading specialist in tickets and passes for rail travel around Europe and has been based on the business park since 2001.

Its office building was specially

designed to suit its requirements.

More than 80 staff are based at the offices. Andrew Blevins, managing director of Kings Hill developer LibertyProperty Trust UK Ltd, said: "It is great news for Kings Hill and for Kent that Rail Europe is remaining here."

Rail Europe offers tickets for high-speed, overnight and scenic

rail journeys to and throughout Europe. It also offers InterRail passes covering up to 30 European countries, tickets for AutoTrain car-carrying services and ski trains.

Karen McClellan, deputy managing director of Rail Europe, said: "Kings Hill is an ideal location for Rail Europe. Our staff come from throughout Kent and all find

it easy to reach us due to the excellent transport links with both road and rail. The onsite facilities make it a pleasant and convenient place to work and I'm delighted that we will be remaining here for another 10 years."

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Training, courses and careers

Jobs and training advice on offer

HOUSING association Moat is hosting a job fair on Wednesday, March 28, offering an opportunity to meet local employers and recruitment agencies who can offer support and advice about careers.

The event runs from 2-5pm at St James Centre, Chapman Way, East Malling, and as well as Moat staff, others on hand during the day will include representatives from Kent Apprenticeships, Connexions, Usbourne Books, Mary K sales team, Royal Air Force (RAF), Voluntary Action Within Kent (VAWK), and K College.

Residents will be able to find out about local training opportunities and colleges, apprenticeships and volunteering, benefit and debt support, CV and cover letter tips, and help with interview preparation.

Moat's community development officer, Peggy Nicholson, said: "We know it's tough out there in the job market at the moment, so we want to support our residents with training and careers."

"We're really grateful to our partners in the East Malling area who have come together to provide this jobs fair and we hope that it proves a fruitful day for lots of local jobhunters."

Moat is a housing association providing affordable homes in the South East.

Academy builds career prospects

THE Business Academy Bexley has celebrated the official opening of its flagship construction centre in Crayford.

Chair of governors Tim Garnham explained how opening a construction centre had long been his ambition.

He said: "I have worked in the property and construction industry all of my working life and this is something very close to my heart."

"With construction being the UK's biggest industry, employing around 2.4 million people in over 700 types of work, it is important to attract young people into construction to avoid future skills shortages."

"When the opportunity to open a centre presented itself we took it and I am delighted that it is so successful. I think we will be oversubscribed very quickly."

Construct enables young people from schools across the borough to work together to gain the knowledge and hands-on practical experience they need to join the construction industry – all in a safe and secure environment that replicates the workplace. As a result they get a BTEC level 1, 2 or 3 qualification that can lead to further qualifications or an apprenticeship.

Construction success for apprenticeship week

VACANCIES for 11 apprenticeships were secured at events for construction employers in Kent organised by CITB-ConstructionSkills during National Apprenticeship Week last month.

Employers who attended the events in Faversham and Erith received an update on the support available to them if they take on an apprentice and they also had the opportunity to meet with aspiring young apprentices and speak to representatives from ACAS and Makita.

Daniel Johnson, a construction careers advisor for CITB-ConstructionSkills in the South said: "There is a real need for more employers to take an apprentice on, and events like these provide us with an excellent opportunity to let employers know more about the funding and support that's available – and for the employers to meet with these enthusiastic young people keen to get a foot on construction's career ladder."

"Apprentices are the lifeblood of the industry and businesses that support apprenticeships reap the benefits from doing so. "We are an ageing industry with one in six planning to retire in the next decade, so it's crucial that we think now about our future skills base. "We need to ensure there is a steady supply of talent coming through to be able to meet demand in the future."

CITB-ConstructionSkills is the Industrial Training Board and Sector Skills Council (SSC) for the construction industry. CITB-ConstructionSkills works to deliver a safe, professional and fully qualified construction workforce through the industry's Sector Skills Agreement. It is responsible for raising employer engagement in training, implementing industry-led skills solutions, securing appropriate funding, producing labour market data, and developing standards and qualifications that meet employer needs. Organisers said this year's National Apprenticeship Week was the most successful ever, thanks to an unprecedented level of support. There were more than 800 events and activities on offer across England – a new record – an increase of 300 on last year. National Apprenticeship Service chief executive Simon Waugh said: "National Apprenticeship Week is a time to celebrate the countless achievements of apprentices and employers, and to call on more organisations and individuals to get involved. "We are delighted that so many individuals and organisations supported our campaign and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for all their help and support in making National Apprenticeship Week 2012 such a phenomenal success."

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The week included David Cameron announcing more Higher Apprenticeships and the launch of an incentive of £1,500 for small firms who hire their first young apprentices.



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UCA graduate puts arts on the big screen in time for the 2012 Games

A large-scale art exhibition inspired by the London 2012 Games and created by a graduate from the University for the Creative Arts (UCA), has gone live to the nation.

The LIVELIVE Project transforms the BBC's network of 22 city-centre Big Screens, installed around the country for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, into digital art galleries.

Since initiating the venture in June, 2010, UCA Canterbury fine art graduate Mark

Smith has been awarded Cultural Olympiad status, and received the official 'Inspire' mark from London 2012 organisers. The first daily broadcast was in January.

Mark, 24, said: "When I visited Dover a few years ago, I saw the Big Screen site and immediately thought that it would be an ideal place to show a curated presentation of local and national artwork."

"In so many of our cities, public space is taken up by

commercial advertising but this project is about claiming back digital media sites and use them to create a network of enriching and stimulating works that the public can enjoy."

"Thanks to the support of the BBC and their Big Screen technology I have been able to fulfil my goal of creating a new kind of interactive arts programme which engages new arts audiences and promotes increased interaction with the creative arts."



GAMES: Hartsdown Technology College students are designing computer games in their lunchtimes

Students' Olympic challenge

YOUNGSTERS in Margate are using hi-tech software to create their own Olympics-based games.

They are working on designing track and field games, creating time counters, laying out courses, and compiling Olympics-themed on-screen quizzes using Microsoft Kodu, a free programme that is being run via Xbox controllers.

The Kodu Olympic club meets during the lunch breaks at Hartsdown Technology College and students are getting to grips with the IT design project.

The club is overseen by ICT advanced skills

teacher Nicki Maddams whose pioneering educational IT work using the Kodu software has won her a place in the European finals of the Innovative Teacher 2011 competition in Portugal this spring.

She said: "The Kodu Olympics club is all about developing computer design skills and tailoring them to a specific Olympics theme using the versatile Kodu software."

"Students of all ages are getting to grips with the task and some interesting and thoughtful games are being developed."

There will be a prize for the best idea by students from Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4.

College to host heat of construction industry's top talent competition

THE South East regional heat of this year's SkillBuild, the UK's biggest construction skills competition, is to be held at MidKent College.

SkillBuild, a competition managed by CITB-ConstructionSkills, the Sector Skills Council and Industry Training Board for the construction industry, is the largest multi-trade competition in the country for construction trainees and apprentices, and showcases the best talent in the industry.

MidKent College's Maidstone Campus will host the South East regional heat on Thursday, May 24, when the region's top trainees will battle it out in a wide range of trades.

The highest scoring students will win a place at the UK final in September, at Preston College.

The competition will cover a wide range of construction trades including bricklaying; plastering; carpentry; joinery; plastering and dry wall systems; cabinet making; wall and

floor tiling; painting and decorating; and reinforced bituminous membranes.

MidKent College's head of faculty for construction and engineering, Simon Foot, said: "MidKent College is delighted to host the SkillBuild heat, which is one of the highlights of the construction and engineering faculty's calendar."

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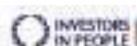
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MA/12/0243/S - THE WILD DUCK, MARDEN THORN, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9LH - Demolition of existing public house and erection of 2no detached dwellings with amenity space, garages and access. **Reason: 9**

MA/12/0253/S - THE THRESHING BARN, TANNER FARM, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9ND - Change of use of Tanner Barn and outbuildings to form two dwellings, including change of use of agricultural land to residential. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0254/S - THE THRESHING BARN, TANNER FARM, GOUDHURST ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9ND - Listed building consent for works involved in the conversion of Tanner Barn and outbuildings to form two dwellings. **Reason: 3**

MA/12/0265/S - ALLINGTON CASTLE, CASTLE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 0LX - A retrospective application for the formation of 5no wildlife ponds with post and rail fencing to boundary and formalisation and surfacing of car park area. **Reason: 1**

MA/12/0270/N - GUILDSTEAD LODGE, YELSTED LANE, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 7UT - Removal of condition 7 of planning permission MA/03/0958 (the development hereby permitted shall only be used as holiday accommodation and shall not be occupied continuously by any person or persons for a period in excess of 28 days and shall not be occupied by any person or persons for more than a total of 112 days in any one calendar year (i.e. maximum of four separate 28 day periods). A written record of all lettings shall be kept and made available for inspection by the Local Planning Authority at their reasonable request) to allow use as single dwelling. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:

1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **25th March 2012**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, MaidstoneHouse, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 11th March 2012



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND
CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/SW/0066/2012 - Proposed development at Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Primary School, School Lane, Boughton-Under-Blean, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9AW.

Boughton-under-Blean and Dunkirk Primary School is applying to Kent County Council (as the County Planning Authority) for planning permission for the replacement of front vehicular gates with new mechanically operated black metal gates. The proposed development is immediately adjacent to the Boughton Street Conservation Area and is therefore likely to affect its character and/or appearance.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours. Please note that our website will be unavailable between 12 noon on Friday 16 March until the end of Sunday 18 March 2012. Whilst maintenance is undertaken during this period, you can use an alternative website at http://hosts1.atriumsoft.com/ePlanningOPSKent/sea_rchPageLoad.do

If you have any problems accessing this website please contact the Planning Applications Group on 01622 221061.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX within 24 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 11 March 2012



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Public Notice

11 March 2012



Notice under Section 122(2A) Local Government Act 1972

Proposed appropriation of land at Kingsmead from open space to planning purposes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Canterbury City Council intends to appropriate open space land at Kingsmead Canterbury, for planning purposes under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The area of land to be appropriated is described in the Schedule to this notice.

Members of the public who wish comment or object to the proposal should send their comments or objections to Mark Ellender, Legal and Democratic Services, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury Kent CT1 1YW in writing by 28 March 2012.

A plan identifying the land which the council is considering appropriating to planning purposes can be viewed at the council offices during normal opening hours.

SCHEDULE

1.912 hectares of land comprising of land adjoining Kingsmead Road, Broad Oak Road, Stonebridge Road and Ambleside Place.

Colin Carmichael, Chief Executive
Canterbury City Council
Military Road
Canterbury CT1 1YW



Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

12/00317/HOUSE **Mile Oak Cottage Mile Oak Road, Brenchley**
- Demolition of existing rear extension and replace with a two storey extension with ground floor windows to north, south and west elevations, first floor window to west elevation and minor internal alterations (LB)

12/00319/LBC **Mile Oak Cottage Mile Oak Road, Brenchley**
- Listed Building Consent: Demolition of existing rear extension and replace with a two storey extension with ground floor windows to north, south and west elevations, first floor window to west elevation and minor internal alterations (LB)

12/00366/HOUSE **Eleven Plus Hungershall Park, Broadwater**
- Revision to existing drive to provide additional parking area and new technical access gates (CA)

12/00472/FUL **Flat 2 3A Nevill Park, Broadwater**
- Erection of detached outbuilding and relocation of summerhouse and shed with associated external works (CA)

11/03646/FUL **Land North Of Railway Line Whetsted Road, Capel**
- Barn and horse arena (MAJOR)

12/00325/LBC 72 **London Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**
- Listed Building Consent: Removal of stud walls and wardrobes and provision of en-suite toilet and shower and new bedroom door (LB)

12/00568/FUL **Garden House 11 Boyne Park, Culverden**
- Demolition of existing garage; Replacement garage and single-storey rear extension (CA)

12/00308/LBC **Phillips & Stubbs Estate Agents 6 Colonnade, Hawkhurst**
- Listed Building Consent - Installation of electricity supply box to be recessed to project below window on right hand of shopfront (LB)

12/00455/FULMJ **Longbrooks Farm Knowle Road, Paddock Wood**
- Development of sand school, stables and storage barn. Change of use of land from agriculture to equestrian (MAJOR) (PROW) (LB)

12/00565/HOUSE **11 Little Mount Sion Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
- Second floor projecting bay window to front elevation (CA) (LB)

12/00524/HOUSE **23 Princes Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Flat roof dormer extension (CA)

12/00376/HOUSE **Tadpoles Lomas Lane, Sandhurst**
- First floor extension with dormer window to front and rear and side window (LB)

12/00487/LBC **Little Hatridge Barn Paley Lane, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish**
- Listed Building Consent - Proposed revised scheme to approved application TW/09/03536 for conversion of redundant cart lodges with link to single dwelling (LB)

12/00494/LBC **Lloyds TSB Bank Plc Lloyds Bank House, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish**
- Listed Building Consent: Reconstruction of walls deemed to be unsafe by engineer works already commenced (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgegells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgegells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN11 1RS
Dated: 10 March 2012



Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/11/01229/FUL: Whitstable Yacht Club, 3-4 Sea Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1BX Replacement of two timber dormer windows with uPVC windows. **Applicant: Mrs J Robinson** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/11/02188/FUL: 49 Shalloak Road, Broad Oak, Sturry, CT2 0QH Alterations and extensions to dwelling including first-floor extension to side, single-storey extension to rear, conversion of garage into home office and erection of detached garage to front. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Chapman** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/00033/LB: 21 Dane John, Canterbury, CT1 2QU Installation of satellite dish. **Applicant: Mr J Ellaby** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/00042/FUL: 2 The Chase, Joy Lane, Whitstable, CT5 4QX Single-storey side extension to dwelling. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs White** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00055/FUL: Marsh House, St Peter's Road, Whitstable, CT5 1SU Demolition of existing flat block and garages and the erection of six residential flats and associated garages. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Mr R Probert** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00056/CAC: Marsh House, St Peter's Road, Whitstable, CT5 1SU Demolition of existing flat block and garages and the erection of six residential flats and associated garages. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Mr R Probert** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00161/OUT: Tankerton Evangelical Church, 154 Northwood Road, Whitstable, CT5 2HF Demolition of church and bungalow and erection of 12 apartments with associated parking and amenity space. (Outline application). **Applicant: Tankerton Evangelical Church** Reason: Major development.

CA/12/00164/FUL: 17 Sydenham Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HW Replacement single-storey rear extension, dormer to rear roof slope and alterations to front dormer. **Applicant: Mr Langford** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00176/FUL: 4 Roper Yard, Roper Road, Canterbury, CT2 7EX Installation of photo voltaic solar panels and support frame on existing roof. (Retrospective application). **Applicant: Comco Properties** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00192/FUL: Oxenleigh, Oxenden Square, Herne Bay, CT6 8TW Demolition of garage and erection of two-storey side extension with integral garage. **Applicant: J Keary** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00194/LB: 58 Ivy Lane, Canterbury, CT1 1TU Internal alterations. **Applicant: c/o Design ID** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/00196/LB: 36 St Peter's Place, Canterbury, CT1 2DA Replacement windows to front of property with associated alterations to openings, replacement of external render and internal alterations. **Applicant: Mr Meiklejohn** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/00228/FUL: Rest Haven, 30 Sea Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1BX Replacement front door and restoration of lanlight over, **Applicant: Mr Dugmore** Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/00350/LB: 49 Shalloak Road, Broad Oak, Sturry, CT2 0QH Alterations and extensions to dwelling including first-floor extension to side, single-storey extension to rear, conversion of garage into home office and erection of detached garage to front. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Chapman** Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to development.control@canterbury.gov.uk to arrive on or before **Monday 2 April 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 9 March 2012

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MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Leeds Castle, Maidstone**

Applicant: **Debbie Matthews**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
 Head of Registration
 Regulatory Services
 First Floor, Invicta House,
 Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Queens Head, High Street, Sutton Valence, Maidstone**

Applicant: **Mr David Ewen**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **West Faversham Community Centre, Bysing Wood Road, Faversham**

Applicant: **Mr David White**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Burlington Hotel, Earls Avenue, Folkestone**

Applicant: **Angelo Sangiuseppe**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Great Maytham Hall, Rolvenden, Cranbrook**

Applicant: **Roger Watts**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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 Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



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CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by Ms Linda Weeks of Brogues Gate, Cranbrook Road, Biddenden to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

Objections should be sent to the following address
 Giles Adey, Head of Registration,
 Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE644
IN THE PARISHES OF BILSINGTON AND BONNINGTON

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE644)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1)
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath AE644 between Bilsington Bridge and Bonnington Bridge from the 23rd March 2012.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 23rd April 2012.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it to repair a collapsed culvert and there is a likelihood of danger to path users.

The alternative route is to head north from Bilsington Bridge and turn right onto the B2067, continue for approximately 1.0 kilometre to the Bonnington Road junction, turn right down Bonnington Road to Bonnington Bridge.

For further enquiries please contact Melvyn Twyccross.

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF CANTERBURY

NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR
THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH CW91 AT WHITSTABLE AND CHESTFIELD)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

The above Order was made on 6th March 2012 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by downgrading to Public Footpath status that length of Restricted Byway CW38 (known as Grasmere Road) at Whitstable and Chestfield commencing at its junction with Blackberry Way and running in a west-south-westerly through westerly direction for 485 metres to its junction at Shepherd's Walk. All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1YW or at Kent Council Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Miss. Melanie McNeir at Kent County Council (address as below) no later than Monday 23rd April 2012. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

VILLAGE GREENS - IN THE DISTRICT OF CANTERBURY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY
COMMONS ACT 2006 - SECTION 15(1)
APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND KNOWN AS
GRASMERE PASTURES AT WHITSTABLE
AS A TOWN OR VILLAGE GREEN

Notice is hereby given that the Public Inquiry into the above matter, which commenced on Monday 5th September 2011, has been adjourned and will resume on:

Tuesday 17th April 2012 at 10.00am
at Whitstable Castle, Tower Hill, Whitstable,
Kent CT2 5BW

A copy of the Inspector's Directions (dated 24th May 2011), as well as the further Directions of the Inspector (dated 21st October 2011), setting out the procedure to be followed for the submission of evidence and the format that the Public Inquiry will take is available on the County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/villagegreens.

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 11 March 2012

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HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

STATION ROAD, SMEETH, ASHFORD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the refurbishment of the bridge deck over the M20, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Road, Smeeeth, Ashford, on or after 26 March 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm and 6.00 am each night.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the bridge over the M20 Motorway.

Temporary traffic lights are likely to be required during daytime for the protection of the recently installed materials.

The alternative route is via Station Road, Azo Hythe Road, The Street (Mersham), Bower Road and Station Road.

HIGHWAYS - Districts of Ashford & Shepway

PLAIN ROAD, SELLINDGE / SMEETH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Plain Road, Sellindge / Smeeeth, on or after 30 March 2012 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Cooper's Lane and Granary Court Road.

There will be no access for through traffic between the A20 and Brabourne Lees.

The alternative route is via Stone Hill, Azo Hythe Road, Church Road, Woolpack Hill and Plain Road.

Limited access will remain to Southenay Road from Plain Road for most of the time, but a diversion via Moorstock Lane, Cock Ash Lane and Broad Street is likely to be in place when the final section of Plain Road is closed.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

A28 BROAD STREET / LOWER BRIDGE STREET,
CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow safe access to a frame and cover in the carriageway for phone cable repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting southbound through traffic on the A28 Broad Street / Lower Bridge Street, Canterbury, on or after 12 March 2012 for up to 1 night, between 8.00 pm and 6.00 am.

A28 BROAD STREET / LOWER BRIDGE STREET will be closed southbound from the junction with Lady Wootton's Green to St George's Roundabout.

LADY WOOTTON'S GREEN will be closed westbound only (i.e. towards the ring road).

MONASTERY STREET will become one-way southbound only, from the junction with Lady Wootton's Green to the junction with Longport.

LONGPORT will become one-way eastbound only, between the junctions with Monastery Street and Lower Chantry Lane.

The alternative route is via Lady Wootton's Green, Monastery Street, Longport, Lower Chantry Lane, St George's Place, A2050 New Dover Road and Old Dover Road.

Local diversions will be in place for side roads, as signposted on site.

CANTERBURY ROAD & BORSTAL HILL, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2205 Canterbury Road & Borstal Hill, Whitstable, on or after 28 March 2012 for up to 4 nights, between 7.00 pm and midnight.

Canterbury Road & Borstal Hill will be closed in phases between the junctions with Gordon Road and Belmont Road.

The alternative routes for through traffic are as shown below.

VEHICLES UNDER 13' 3" (4.0 M)

Northbound via B2205 Borstal Hill, A2990 Thanet Way, Herne Bay Road (note 13' 3" height restriction), St Swithin's Road, Tankerton Road, Tower Parade, Harbour Street, High Street and Oxford Street

Southbound via Cromwell Road, B2205 Tower Parade, Tankerton Road, Bennells Avenue, Herne Bay Road (note 13' 3" height restriction), A2990 Thanet Way and Borstal Hill.

VEHICLES OVER 13' 3" (4.0 M)

Traffic taller than 13' 3" will need to continue on the A2990 to Greenhill Bridge Road, Sea Street, Whitstable Road, Colewood Road and St John's Road.

Certain side roads may need to be closed at their junctions with Canterbury Road as the works progress, with local diversions set up wherever possible.

DOUGLAS AVENUE, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Douglas Avenue, Whitstable, on or after 29 March 2012 for up to 2 days, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Linden Avenue, Seymour Avenue and Old Bridge Road.

DOVER STREET, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the removal of a tower crane, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Dover Street, Canterbury, on or after Sunday 1 April 2012 for up to 1 day.

The road will be closed between entrance to car park and the junction with Vernon Place.

The alternative route is via Upper Bridge Street, Old Dover Road and Vernon Place.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Dover Street will be suspended from Upper Bridge Street to the point of closure, for access only.

If adverse conditions prevent the works going ahead on the date above, they will be deferred until one of the following 2 Sundays, as advised locally and on site.

HOADES WOOD ROAD, STURRY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hoades Wood Road, Sturry, on or after 26 March 2012 for up to 3 days, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Babs Oak Hill and Cedar Road.

The alternative route is via Babs Oak Hill, A28 Island Road, Homewood Road and Cedar Road.

MARINE PARADE, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install traffic calming, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Marine Parade, Whitstable, on or after 26 March 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with St Anne's Road.

The alternative route is via Cliff Road, Tankerton Road, and St Anne's Road.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Marine Parade will be suspended between the junctions with Cliff Road and St Anne's Road for access only.

A290 ST DUNSTAN'S STREET AND ST PETER'S PLACE,
CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of construction works prior to the implementation of an environmental improvement scheme, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on the A290 St Dunstan's Street and St Peter's Place, Canterbury, on or after 13 March 2012 for up to 9 weekday nights, between 8.00 pm and 5.30 am each night.

St Dunstan's Street and St Peter's Place will be closed between the junctions with North Lane and St Peter's Street (in the vicinity of the Westgate Towers).

There will be no through access between North Lane and St Peter's Street

The alternative route is via Rheims Way, London Road and St Dunstan's Street

Pound Lane will be closed at the junction with St Dunstan's Street.

The alternative route is via The Causeway and North Lane.

STOUR STREET, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway excavations to check water connections, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stour Street, Canterbury, on or after 26 March 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed to through traffic in the vicinity of Stour Court.

The alternative route is via Stour Street, Rosemary Lane, A28 Pin Hill, Rhodaus Town, Watling Street and Beer Cart Lane.

A28 WINCHEAP / THANINGTON ROAD, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of remedial carriageway surfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A28 Wincheap / Thanington Road, Canterbury, on or after 29 March 2012 for up to 2 nights, between 8.00 pm and midnight each night.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Simmonds Road and the A2 on-slip.

The alternative route is via Ten Perch Road, The Boundary, Cow Lane and Simmonds Road.

Local side roads may be closed at their junctions with Wincheap at certain times as the works progress. This will be signposted on site, with local diversions.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of York Road will be suspended when it is closed at the junction with Wincheap, to allow traffic to exit.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

HYTHE STREET, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION
OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Hythe Street, Dartford.

The Order will become effective on, 29th March 2012 will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The closure will be in operation for 2 days from the hours of 22:00hrs - 06:00hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route during the above restriction will be via: Hythe Street, Mill Pond Road, Temple Hill, Temple Hill Square, St Vincent Road, A226 and Home Gardens

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Railway Bridge examination.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

CAPEL STREET, CAPEL-LE-FERNE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Capel Street, Capel-le-Ferne, from 14 March 2012 until 22 March 2012 inclusive.

It is anticipated the road will be closed weekdays only, between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm each day with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The road will be closed between the junction with New Dover Road and the bridge over the A20 Trunk Road.

The alternative route is via Cauldham Lane, Swinge Hill and Hockley Sole Lane.

HIGH STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway pre-patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street, Deal, on or after 18 March 2012 for up to 2 days, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with King Street and Oak Street.

The alternative route is via Beach Street, Godwyn Road, Sandown Road and High Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)
CONSOLIDATION
(AMENDMENT NO 7) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order is:-

1. Fulbert Road junction with Rokesley Road, Dover. Proposed double yellow lines at junction
2. Fulbert Road, Dover. Proposed double yellow lines

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8DH, between 9am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ

The order was made on 15 March 2012 and will come into force on 19 March 2012.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make an application to the High Court for this purpose.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER DISTRICT)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)
CONSOLIDATION
(AMENDMENT NO 10) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order is:-

Location	Proposal
Fulbert Road / Melbourne Avenue, Dover	Double yellow lines at the junction
Paradise Row, Sandwich	Double Yellow lines from the junction with Strand Street for a distance of 40m

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8DH, between 9am and 5.00pm, and at Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ

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For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PILGRIMS WAY, HOLLINGBOURNE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Pilgrims Way from the junction of B2163 Upper Street to outside Lime Trees on or after Monday 26th March 2012 for a period of up to 5 days and Broad Street Hill west for 50 metres on or after Monday 2nd April 2012 for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Pilgrims Way, Water Lane, Roundwell, A20 Ashford Road, Eythorne Street, Pilgrims Way.

UK Power Networks and KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to install a low voltage cable in the carriageway and a new soak away to prevent flooding. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Derek Petts of UKPN on 01622 632519 and Jamie Finch of KCC on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Boroughs of Maidstone, Tonbridge & Malling, Dartford, Gravesham and In the District of Sevenoaks

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE, TONBRIDGE & MALLING, DARTFORD, GRAVESHAM, SEVENOAKS) (50MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic travelling at any speed greater than 50mph on the routes described in the Schedule.

The Order will become effective on Sunday 1st April 2012, and will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be in operation at times when required during this period as indicated by signage on site.

Schedule	
Road Name:	A206 Bob Dunn Way, Dartford
Extent:	From the A282 to the roundabout with the A2026 Burnham Road
Road Name:	A289 Hasted Road, Gravesend (Wainscott Bypass)
Extent:	From M2 junction 1 to the Dillywood Lane Bridge
Road Name:	A2018 Shepherd Lane, Dartford
Extent:	From the roundabout of the A2 to the existing 40mph speed limit 100m before the roundabout with Rochester Way
Road Name:	A229 Bluebell Hill
Extent:	From the existing 50mph speed limit 30m Maidstone side of the Cobtree Manor Park entrance to the existing 50mph speed restriction 1/4mile from the M2 junction 3
Road Name:	A249 Detling Hill M2 to Bearsted Road, Maidstone
Extent:	From the roundabout with Bearsted Road (Newnham Court Farm) to existing 50mph speed limit 250m Detling side of Harple Lane From existing 50mph speed limit 40m Detling side of Osbourne Drive
Road Name:	A20 Ashford Road, Maidstone
Extent:	From Old Mill Road to 50m Ashford side of the roundabout with the B2163 Penfold Hill
Road Name:	A20 Coldharbour Lane, Maidstone
Extent:	From the roundabout of the M20 junction 5 to the roundabout of the A20 London Road From the A20 London Road to the roundabout with St Laurence Road
Road Name:	A228 Snodland Bypass
Extent:	From outside Whittings Farm to the existing 40mph outside the Water Treatment works
Road Name:	A228 Hale Street Bypass
Extent:	From the roundabout with the B2015 to the roundabout with the B2160 Maidstone Road
Road Name:	A25 Sevenoaks Road, Ightham
Extent:	From junction with Rectory Lane to the junction of Pilar Box Lane
Road Name:	A25 Ightham Bypass, Ightham
Extent:	From the junction of Rectory Lane to the junction of Borough Green Road
Road Name:	A20 London Road
Extent:	From M25 junction 3 to A225 Dartford Road

Road Name: A225 Sevenoaks Road, Otford
Extent: From Riverside Retail Park to Bebblesstone Road

Kent County Council Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway maintenance works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Steve Clark of Enterprise Plc on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

HORTON ROAD AND NEW ROAD, SOUTH DARENTH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Horton Road and New Road, South Darenth at the junction of Station Road/East Hill.

The Order will become effective on 11 March 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 12 March 2012 and will last approx 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Holmesdale Road, Devon Road, Cedar Drive, A225 Main Road Suttan at Hone, Station Road and Horton Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway resurfacing works.

VARIOUS ROADS, WEST KINGSDOWN - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Various Roads, West Kingsdown as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 26 March 2012, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 12 months; the event is planned to last as noted in the schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in schedule 1.

Schedule 1	
Restriction:	Temporary One Way Order Eastbound from 06.00 - 22.00 hours. Scratchers Lane, West Kingsdown.
Road Name:	From its junction with A20 London Road/Gorse Hill to its junction with Three Gates Lane.
Extent:	A20 London Road and Fawkham Road. Traffic lights will also be placed at the junction of A20 London Road and Gorse Hill that will be manually controlled between 06.00 - 22.00 hours to assist vehicles leaving Brands Hatch Race Circuit.
Diversion:	30mph Speed Limit from 06.00 - 22.00 hours.
Restriction:	A20 London Road/Gorse Hill, West Kingsdown.
Road Name:	Between W J Kings Garage London Road, Farningham and Twenty Mile Texaco Petrol Station, West Kingsdown.
Extent:	Suspend Cycle Lane Order from 06.00 - 22.00 hours.
Restriction:	A20 London Road/ Gorse Hill, West Kingsdown.
Road Name:	Between Twenty Mile Texaco Petrol Station and Scratchers Lane.
Extent 1:	Between Scratchers Lane and Twenty Mile Texaco Petrol Station.
Extent 2:	Cyclists should dismount and walk along the pavement for the length of the restriction.
Diversion:	No Right Turn from 06.00 - 22.00 hours.
Restriction:	1: Into Donkey Lane southbound from A20 London Road/Gorse Hill.
1:	2: Out of Donkey Lane onto A20 London Road/Gorse Hill.
2:	Dates: 1st April, 9th April, 20th May, 22nd July, 14th October, 21st October and 4th November 2012.

The purpose of the restrictions is to facilitate safety to road users and members of the public.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

CLOCK HOUSE LEVEL CROSSING, BOUGHTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to replace the rails at the level crossing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clock House Level Crossing, Boughton, on or after 1 April 2012, as shown below.

The planned closure times are from Sunday 1 April at 2.00 am until Monday 2 April 2012 at 2.00 am.

Clockhouse Lane, Boughton will be closed at the Level Crossing.

The alternative route is via Clockhouse Lane, Selling Road and Brenley Lane.

WESTERN AVENUE, SHEERNESS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of drainage improvement works to alleviate flooding, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Western Avenue, Sheerness, on or after 12 March 2012 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between property 2A Western Avenue and the junction with Queenborough Rd.

The alternative route is via Queenborough Road, Belmont Road and Hilda Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

CRESCENT ROAD, BIRCHINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching and micro-surfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crescent Road, Birchington.

It is planned the road will be closed on 13, 15 and 16 March 2012, between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm each day.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Station Road and Albion Road.

The alternative route is via Station Road and Albion Road.

DANE HILL GROVE, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Dane Hill Grove, Margate, on or after 12 March 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac.

Every effort will be made to maintain as much access as possible, whenever it is safe to do so, but there may be some times when cannot be achieved.

HAINE ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of overhead electricity cable works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Haine Road, Ramsgate, on or after 12 March 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Rose Farm and Haine Farm (including Coldwood Road).

There will be no through access between both junctions with New Haine Road.

The alternative route is via A256 New Haine Road.

UNION ROW & PUMP LANE, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and pre-patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Union Row & Pump Lane, Margate, on or after 12 March 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative routes are

Eastbound via Hawley Street, Union Crescent and Addington Street.

Westbound via Addington Street, King Street and Hawley Street.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (COMMON ROAD, IGHTHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Common Road from Copt Hall Road to Sandy Lane on or after Monday 12th March 2012 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Copt Hall Road, Coach Road, Sandy Lane.

BT Openreach and KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to access overhead cabling to provide a new service and carriageway patching. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact for BT is Rachel Cross on 03700 500792 and for KCC Highways is Louise Codman on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, CAPEL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 82 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order.

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce various speed limits on the following road or lengths of road;

Schedule 1 (Restricted Roads)	
B2017 Five Oak Green Road	Between a point 160 metres southeast of its junction with Falmouth Place to a point 65 metres west of its junction with Church Lane.
Schedule 2 (Roads subject to a speed limit of 40 mph)	
B2017 Badsell Road	Between a point 160 metres southeast of its junction with Falmouth Place and a point 85 metres northwest of its junction with A228 Maidstone Road.
A228 Colts Hill	Between a point 500 metres southwest of its junction with Alders Road to a point 670 metres northeast of that junction.
Schedule 3 (Roads subject to a speed limit of 50 mph)	
B2017 Five Oak Green Road	From its junction with A26 Woodgate Way to a point 315 metres west of its junction with Hartlake Road.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ, between 8.30am and 5.00pm and at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Offices, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

John Burr
Director Kent Highways
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 11th March 2012

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council
The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling)(Waiting Restrictions & On-street Parking Places)(Consolidation) Order 2011
NOTICE OF VARIATION
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, acting as agents for Kent County Council, hereby gives notice that, pursuant of section 46A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, it is to amend the yearly charges for permits to park vehicles at designated parking places (on street), which are listed in the Schedules of the above Order, as detailed below.

Residents' Preferential Parking Permits (RPPP's) - at under mentioned locations	Current charge per year for RPPP's	New charge per year for RPPP's
Blue Bell Hill Village; Borough Green; East Malling; West Malling & Tonbridge.	£30	£35

Businesses' Permits (BP's) at under mentioned locations	Current charge per year for BP's	New charge per year for BP's
Blue Bell Hill Village; Borough Green; East Malling & Tonbridge	£120	£130

There are no other variations to on-street parking charges, or to the applicable penalty charges. The new charges imposed by this Notice shall come into force on **Sunday the 1st April, 2012**.

If you have any questions concerning this notice, require further information or have difficulty in reading this notice, please contact, during normal office hours, the Parking Manager tel: (01732) 876260, email: parking.office@tmbc.gov.uk; fax: (01732) 876105; minicom: (01732) 874958; SMS text message: 07781 482959 or by post: Parking Manager, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Tonbridge Castle, Castle Street, Tonbridge, TN91BG.

David Hughes
Chief Executive
11th March, 2012



ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2012/2013
AND COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTIONS
2012/2013
NOTICE OF DECISION

Introduction

At the meeting of the Council held on the 16th February 2012 consideration was given to the recommendations of the Cabinet contained within Minute No. 323/2/12 regarding the General Fund Budget for 2012/2013 and the recommended level of Council Tax at Band D for the Ashford Borough Council proportion of the overall area covered by it as the Billing Authority. A separate report submitted to the Council meeting by the Deputy Chief Executive and the Finance Manager detailed the proposed Council Tax level as it related to the Ashford Borough Council proportion at a figure of £140.67 for a Band D equivalent property, frozen from 2011/12 and 2010/11. The report also set out the total demand after taking into account the precepts of the Kent County Council, Kent Police Authority, Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue Authority and Parish Councils.

Council Decision

At the meeting of the Council held on the 16th February 2012 the resolutions before the meeting relating to the 2012/13 Council Tax were approved without amendment.

Budgetary and Policy Framework Rules - Constitution

In accordance with Part 4 Rules of Procedure - Budgetary and Policy Framework Procedure Rules 2 (c) - (h) this decision is formally published on the 17th February 2012 and the Council's decision is effective immediately.

17th February 2012

Notice is hereby given that Raja Manoharadhas of 28 Dickens Road Gravesend Kent DA12 2JY has applied to Gravesham Borough Council for the GRANT of an alcohol for the premises Currys & Dosa situated at 65 Wrotham Road Gravesend Kent DA11 0QB

A register of licensing applications can be inspected at <http://www.gravesham.gov.uk/licensing> or at Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU tel. 01474 337334 by appointment with the Licensing Team between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

Any person wishing to submit representations to my/our application must give notice in writing to the address shown above, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 21 /03/2012

The Council will not entertain representations where the writer requests that his identity remains anonymous. Copies of all representations will be included in the papers presented to the Licensing Panel and will therefore pass into the public domain. Representations must relate to one of the four Licensing Objectives: the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. In the case of an application for a provisional statement, please note that representations will be restricted once a statement has been issued.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL, in accordance with the provisions of s.53 (2) & 70(3)(a)(b) of The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976 HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the fees chargeable under the above for the grant of hackney carriage and private hire vehicle , driver licences and private hire operator licences, together with additional costs appertaining to such licences, shall be varied from 10 April 2012 as below:-

Fee increase from 10 April 2012

Type of fee	Current fees	New fee
Vehicle Inspection & Registration	£42	£43
Vehicle plate external & internal Includes holder	£48	£49
Vehicle compliance test x two tests	£122	£122
Vehicle Licence	£78	£80
Total 1st application fee	£290	£294

Type of fee	Current fees	New fee
Transfer of licence plate	£41	£42
Plate	£23	£23
Holder	£16.80	£17.50
Internal Plate	£8.00	£8.00
Internal plate holder	£1.70	£1.75

Type of fee	Current fees	New fee
Vehicle Re-licence (currently £280 less vehicle registration)	£252	£259
Vehicle exemption certificate	£42	£43
Change of Ownership of Licensed Vehicle	£42	£43.50

Type of fee	Current fees	New fee
Operator's fees are for a period of 3 years		
One vehicle	£164	£169
Up to five vehicles	£308	£317
For six or more vehicles	£64	£66

Type of fee	Current fees	New fee
First time drivers licence period of 3 years	£162	£167
Re-licence drivers licence period of 3 years	£155	£159
Driver badge replacement	£8.70	£9.00

Type of fee	Current fees	New fee
Door transfers PHV only (per transfer)	£7.50	£7.50
Door transfers PHV only (per magnetic transfer)	£12.50	£12.50


Type of fee	Current fees	New fee
General administration fee	£41	£42


Type of fee	Current fees	New fee
Attempting "Knowledge Tests" after two failures	£45 for each attempt	£45 for each attempt

A copy of this Notice shall, for a period of **twenty-eight days from the date of first publication**, be deposited at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS

Persons wishing to make objections to these proposals may do so in writing to the undersigned by 6 April 2012

Licensing Partnership P.O. Box 182 Sevenoaks Kent TN13 1GP
licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk





TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 26 MARCH 2012

SW/12/0165:
2 general purpose agricultural buildings and erection of landscaping mounds - Wall End Farm, Lower Road, MINSTER; **REASONS 3 & 6**

SW/12/0217:
Demolition and replacement of existing building for use as a tractor and implement store - Land r/o 24 Wallbridge Lane, UPCHURCH; **REASONS 3 & 4**

SW/12/0221:
Toilet block with shower facilities on Faversham Scouts Association Activity Centre - Faversham Scouts Association, Activity Centre, Plumford Lane, SHELDWICH; **REASON 3**

SW/12/0231 &
SW/12/0236:
Conversion of existing semi-detached Grade II Listed houses into 4 one and two bedroom self-contained apartments with associated car parking to the rear and including the retention of the William Barrows Charitable Trust Boardroom and creation of modest ancillary facilities supporting that function - Forge House/Barrow House, The Street, BORDEN; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0238 &
SW/12/0239:
Demolition of existing single storey extension and garage occupying the land adjacent No.56 Abbey Street, and replacement with a new two storey end of terrace house - 56 Abbey Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/12/0250:
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James Freeman
Head of Planning

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THE INTERVIEW

Chris Addison

TV face has all the bases covered... but stand-up is where he's really at

SELLING insurance has been described as the least desirable job going, but that wouldn't be the case if your desk buddy was Chris Addison. The baby-faced star of TV's Direct Line adverts has to deal with pushy customers like Alexander Armstrong in the commercials, but thankfully it's not his day job.

Best known for his role as Ollie in the BBC political sitcom *The Thick Of It*, Addison has become a household name after years of stand-up tours and TV bit-parts.

The 40-year-old is now a regular on panel shows *Have I Got News For You* and *Mock The Week*, using the stand-up skills that originally got him noticed.

He said: "It all started in Manchester and I started out of boredom, the year after I graduated.

"It is a really bleak year nobody tells you about in advance – it's a dark hideous bit where uni bolts the gates behind you, and you and your mates are scattered to the wind. It's awful.

"When I was at university I used to direct plays, which was what I wanted to do after I left. It was really simple at uni because there are always people with spare time around, and there are rooms you can hire and all that.

"But once you're out of uni it's really hard to put that sort of thing on. So, being lazy, I decided I needed some sort of creative outlet – and actually most people don't really see this, but stand-up is one of the easiest ones to do.

"Logistically, someone else organises everything. The lights, advertising, everything. You just pitch up and say your words. So, during Easter '95, I went along and did a stand-up show at *The Swab And Bucket* in Manchester and that's where it all began."

Addison's first gig did not go as hoped, but a famous face in the crowd came to his rescue.

"It was terrible, that first show, and felt awful, but Dave Gorman was in the pub," said Addison.

"At the time, Manchester was a real hotbed of comedy that had Mrs Merton, Steve Coogan, John Thompson and Lucy Porter all hanging about. Anyway, Dave was at this gig and I didn't know who he was, but he came up

Encouragement from another comic changed everything, learns **Joe Bill**



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Thanks to Twitter, I get asked about it three times a day. Every now and again I just announce there will be more coming out, but the questions don't stop

CHRIS ADDISON, ON *THE THICK OF IT*

and introduced himself and said this was a rubbish audience and that I had some nice material and I should go elsewhere and try it again.

"I owe a lot to him for that single conversation. And I did it again a few months later.

"It all kind of became a regular thing. The circuit was really good, and because there was so much comedy around at the time you were able to work most weeks, but there was a small-enough scene to get on very quickly."

Addison went on to tour the UK and play the Edinburgh Festival on a number of occasions during the 90s, but it wasn't until the first screenings of *The Thick Of It* almost six years ago that he was thrust into the public eye.

He said: "I had a problem with being called an actor when *The Thick Of It* started because I had

been a stand-up comedian for 10 years by that point. But suddenly I came to people's attention as an actor, and was described as an actor.

"At heart I'm a stand-up, that's my day job, everything else has come from that, but I've been really lucky, things have turned up. I had no intention of acting, but it turns out I love it."

After three hit series of the BBC show and a spin-off film *In The Loop*, the big question that keeps coming Addison's way is will there be more?

He said: "I don't just think there will be new *Thick Of It* coming out... I am certain of it. In a month we start rehearsing the next series. I imagine it will be out later this year.

"Thanks to Twitter, I get asked about it three times a day. Every now and again I just announce there will be more coming out, but the questions don't stop."

The comedian uses some political satire in his stand-up show and is a self-confessed political nerd but, as he explained, his knowledge didn't do him many favours on set.

He said: "I like the soap opera of it, at the same time as realising that the soap opera is the problem with politics, too. *The Thick Of It* is a parallel universe, so you can't start doing gags about real politicians. There is one joke in the show that refers to a real, living, breathing politician and I hate that joke. It is a funny joke, but I think it shouldn't be there.

"You can't ad-lib stuff from the real world. I remember thinking I needed to do some research before it started filming and looked up various terms about housing and citizenship, but they were of absolutely no use.

"One thing worth remembering about the show is that it is dead easy to get distracted by the fact that it is set in the world of politics.

"That doesn't really matter – politics is just the sit in which the com takes place. It's just like any other workplace sitcom. It's about a bunch of people who have been put together, who don't get on and are not competent enough to achieve their goals. That's the same in *Fawlty Towers*, *The Office*, everything."

But as much as Addison likes his role as Ollie, as well as the insurance salesman in the *Direct Line* adverts, stand-up is where his heart lies.

"Mock The Week is my regular gig, isn't it," he said. "I love *Have I Got News*, and being the host was unbelievably exciting for a boy fan. Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are brilliant and incredibly welcoming, but because I used to watch it as a student it still felt like walking into the staff-room.

"Mock The Week is my gang, Dara Ó Briain and I used to share a venue in Edinburgh, as I did with Andy Parsons. They are my generation."

Chris Addison will be at the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells on Sunday, March 11. Tickets are available by phoning 01892 530613 or alternatively by visiting www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.

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FOOD & DRINK

Taste of Kent Awards

Farming community recognised as awards salute Kent produce

By Nick Ames

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THE wide range of excellent produce from across the county was celebrated at this year's annual Taste of Kent Awards.

Retailers, brewers, restaurants, cheesemakers, farmers and wine producers were all part of a gathering which showcased the very best culinary delights of the Garden of England.

The awards, which are the brainchild of local food champion Produced in Kent, were hosted by BBC Radio Kent presenter Matthew Davies in Maidstone's Oakwood House.

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent, said: "We have been celebrating the county's food, drink and farming heroes."

"It's been wonderful to recognise not only the outstanding food- and drink-producers, the food retailers, farmers' markets and best dining experiences in Kent but for the first time to reward the farming community too."

"We applaud the incredible role they play as proactive custodians of the Garden of England and it is little wonder the two key reasons people visit Kent is for our outstanding food and views."

"Many of the winners here really are creating 'edible views' in our county and Produced in Kent congratulates them all."

Phil Miles, of Godmersham Game, based in Canterbury, was awarded the title of Kent Meat Retailer of the Year.

He said: "I am delighted and surprised to win the award for the second consecutive year, which is very unusual for a Taste of Kent Award."

"We have been short-listed for the Kent Meat Retailer for the Year for five years now and it is wonderful to be able to retain the trophy."

Gadd's No3 Pale Ale, produced by the Ramsgate Brewery, won Best Kentish Beer.

Lois Gadd said: "We started our brewery 10 years ago and our first brew was Gadd's No3 pale ale made with local hops."

Winning this award, the third time for No3, has shown us that the beer is appreciated by the people of Kent.

"We first won an award in 2007, and since then we have seen the Taste of Kent Awards grow year on year and competition increasing."

Appley Ever After, made by Big Tree Cider in Dartford, won Best Kent Cider Or Perry, while Cox Bramley Apple Juice, of Core Fruit Products, Can-



GARDEN'S FINEST:
Produced in Kent's annual Taste of Kent Awards showcased the very best local food and drink the county has to offer, with winners coming from all over Kent

terbury, was nominated Best Kentish Fruit Juice.

Mama Feelgoods, of Canterbury, was awarded Kent Local Food Retailer Of The Year.

Owner Maddie Allen said: "We try to showcase the best of Kentish food products and it was great to see so many of our suppliers win awards, too. This award will bring us new customers."

Kent Artisan Food Producer Of The Year was Quex Foods of Birchington.

Anthony Curwen said: "The love of our heritage, environment and farms comes from the whole team and is exhibited in our products."

Shipbourne farmers' market was named Kent Farmers' Market Of The Year; Sankey's Fishmongers, Tunbridge Wells, was Kent Seafood Retailer Of The Year; and Ortega 2010 from Bidenden Vineyards was voted Best Kent Wine.

The Marquis of Alkham was crowned Kent Restaurant Of The Year.

General manager Ben Walton said: "We hope

this award will raise awareness of our restaurant and, in turn, the local suppliers we use to create the dining experience our customers enjoy."

Pearson's Arms in Whitstable picked up its first Kent Dining Pub Of The Year award since being taken over by celebrity chef Richard Phillips.

Dairy goat farmers Debbie Vernon and David Shannon, of Ellie's Dairy, Wychling, Faversham, received the AONB Kent Food, Farming And Landscape Award (Small Farm Category), while the Kentish Bluebell cheese, produced at King-scott Cheese, Staplehurst, was named Kent Food Product Of The Year - Retail.

Canterbury Cobble from Cheesemakers of Canterbury, Dargate, won Kent Food Product Of The Year - Foodservice. "It's great to have a sense of satisfaction and to know that there is such appreciation of our products," said proprietor Jane Bowyer.

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FOOD & DRINK

Family feast: Six of the Best



The Red Lion Hernhill

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On the menu...

Take the family for a popular Sunday lunch where you can have one course for £10.50, two courses for £13.50 and three for £15.50. Choose from pork, lamb or beef, served with all the trimmings.

How to book...

The Red Lion, Crockham Lane, Hernhill ME13 9JR
phone: 01227 751207
web: www.theredlion.org

Savour the moment with your closest

ENJOYING a meal with your family is one of the great delights of dining. Whether it is a regular occasion when you all meet up to enjoy one another's company and some fine food and drink, or something that is enjoyed more infrequently, any such meal is one to be treasured.

It may be that you are looking to treat your mum and dad, or a favourite aunt and uncle, or even the whole extended family, to a top-class lunch or dinner and are looking for somewhere you can be assured of top-quality food and service.

This week we feature restaurants that have a special welcome for family groups, including, of course, children. Some have menus specially prepared for younger members of the party, while all offer the

warm welcome that means so much to family groups out to enjoy themselves.

Restaurants across Kent pride themselves on offering the very best of local produce, so what could be better than sitting alongside your nearest and dearest sampling the fine food and drink produced in the beautiful countryside you are either looking out upon or that is just outside the door?

The summer months are particularly good for enjoying alfresco dining, which is something children particularly enjoy. So here is a selection of top Kent dining establishments that will go out of their way to welcome and provide for family groups.

Why not take a trip to somewhere different and bring along your favourite relatives to ensure a wonderful time, excellent company and top quality food?



Waggon at Hale Chatham

Why here...

Well-run family pub with good food, drinks and a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. All ages are welcome; in fact in the garden there is a mini family farm with chickens, rabbits and a miniature pig.

On the menu...

The home-cooked food menu covers all tastes, with simple light bites to the ever-popular traditional Sunday roast, the Thai fishcakes or the Waggon burger... handmade with Angus Scotch beef.

How to book...

179 Capstone Road, Chatham ME5 7PP
phone: 01634 400800
web: www.waggonathale.co.uk



Captain Digby Broadstairs

Why here...

Award-winning family restaurant and one of Thanet's most popular places to dine all year round. Positioned on the cliff-top overlooking Kingsgate Bay, the Digby has some of the most romantic views the isle has to offer. Perfect for the family, the Digby is a great venue to celebrate events such as Mother's Day and Easter. There are indoor and outdoor play areas, face-

painters at weekends and activities in the school breaks.

On the menu...

A varied choice, including Captain's Combo to start, moving on to choices such as penne marinara, steak-and-ale pie, Cajun chicken breast and the famous fresh cod and chips. Meal deal for children includes a dish from the pirate's menu, a drink and ice-cream for £5.50.

How to book...

Captain Digby, Kingsgate CT10 3QH
phone: 01843 867764
web: www.captaindigby.co.uk

Mint Leaf Lounge Teynham

Why here...

The newly-opened classic Indian restaurant has a fresh, aromatic and modern atmosphere and serves freshly-cooked Indian cuisine using traditional cooking methods.

On the menu...

A wide range of dishes is served, with something to suit everyone's taste buds. Open Monday to Saturday midday-2.30pm and 5.30pm-11.30pm. Sunday buffet from midday-5pm. Kids under five eat free.

How to book...

London Road, Teynham, Sittingbourne ME9 9PS
phone: 01795 521330
web: www.mintleafindian.com



London Beach Tenterden

Why here...

The London Beach offers one of the best à la carte menus in the county. With the menus changing on a regular basis, the London Beach team uses local producers where possible. The sophisticated restaurant has a relaxed ambience, with beautiful panoramic views across the Weald of Kent. It is the ideal venue for fun family gatherings either large or small.

On the menu...

Start your meal with Rye Bay scallops, creamed leeks and truffle dressing followed by roasted breast of pheasant, confit leg, cauliflower purée and terrine of Dauphinoise. Top your meal off with Champagne panacotta with vanilla poached rhubarb. You will find something to suit all the family.

How to book...

London Beach Country Hotel, Ashford Road, Tenterden TN30 6HX3
phone: 01580 766279; email: enquiries@londonbeach.com



World's Wonder Ashford

Why here...

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On the menu...

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LYNDA very attractive attached female, own transport and willing to travel, seeking similar natured male for extra circular activities. Must be discreet. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386653**

KERRY blonde blue eyed cultured lady, very genuine, caring, seeking caring natured male 45-58 for loving romance. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386649**

HI I'm Jane a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643**

TINA new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30yr old looking for male companion 30-50yrs. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386625**

SARA 31 tall sexy and single, lovely green eyes, outgoing and social WLMT tall down to earth stable male for poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386623**

CHRISTIAN lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565**

JUNE good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for tlc. Genuine replies only pls. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301**

SUE young looking vivacious female with great sense of humour, OHAC, independent, interesting and sensual, seeking single tactile male. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386275**

DEBS 38 green eyed sophisticated blonde, attractive size 12, not looking for anything long term or steady just fun with intelligent male, 30-60yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386273**

51YR old lady, seeking fun loving, genuine man for socialising and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389840**

ANNE romantic lady, 60's, looking for that special someone for LTR, late 50's or 60's with own car. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386225**

BERYL 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503**

SUSIE tactile 33yr old female who loves fast cars and motorbikes, seeks genuine male prepared to live life in the fast lane, 35-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382163**

LISA blonde hair, blue eyes, medium build, seeks fun loving, adventurous male, 45-52 for friendship, fun and who knows what else. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389020**

ATTRACTIVE lady 45, medium build, fair hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks kind gent for companionship and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383987**

TRACY 39, fun blue eyed busty blonde, a little dizzy at times but a big bundle of fun, WLTm professional male for good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384045**

JO 21yr old single mum who loves nights out, seeks understanding male for adult fun and more. **ACA. Can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384043**

48YR old female, seeks tall, caring male in the West Sussex area. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388974**

WENDY cuddly 52yr old romantic, GSOH, N/S, likes reading, cinema, meals out, seeks male, 45-55 with GSOH to be my Knight in shining armour. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389614**

DEBBIE 5ft Bins, short dark hair/eyes, slim, daughter, easygoing, likes dinner, cinema, bowling, gym, music, travel, seeks male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386337**

60YR old attractive female, seeks non drinker for dog walking, theatre, galleries, photography and companionship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386231**

CARIBBEAN young lady, 30, caring, genuine, seeks young Christian gent, 30-40 who is dedicated to God for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386117**

LADY 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331**

SENSUAL 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309**

BECKY 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTm Mr Right if he is out there? **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305**

JENNY very feminine attractive mature classy female with beautiful blue eyes, looking for male to enjoy plenty of laughs and get to know. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386303**

KEELY blonde 18yr old, blue eyes size 10, busty, stays at home too much and looking for casual fun with older male with OHAC. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385377**

FEMALE 48, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383787**

MARION 38 slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383159**

PETITE French lady, likes to be spoiled/pampered, seeks gent, 40-55 for discreet liaisons. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379579**

VAL compassionate outgoing female with a big heart and no pre-conceptions just looking for love with similar minded male. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383155**

TARA charismatic, optimistic Irish entrepreneur, sensual, attractive, intelligent, seeks genuine male to spoil, enjoy good times and let just take it from there. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383121**

BECKY single 29yr old slim female, attractive, blonde, seeking good times with fun male who does not take life too seriously. Status/age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383057**

CHRIS outgoing secretary enjoys nice wine, romantic meals, looking for easygoing male to get to know and just see what develops. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383055**

KIRSTY 44yr going on 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spilling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383051**

DEBBIE slim blonde special female who loves all the good things life has to offer, seeks no strings fun with professional male. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383893**

KIM 37, employed, OHAC, long legs, attractive, sensual, seeks genuine male for romance, fun meets and more. call me for a chat. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383891**

ATTRACTIVE honey blonde, 56, green eyes, curvy, well educated, works full time, solvent, seeks professional guy to share finer things in life and put sparkle back. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382365**

FRAN early 60's, long dark hair, green eyes, seeks guy 52-65 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385769**

SHARON 37yr old attractive feminine size 10, employed, OHAC, single mum of one, seeking similar lonely male with mature outlook. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385655**

DEBS slim attractive stylish naughty 40 looking for male who is prepared to give me lots of attention for fun times in return. **ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385653**

JEAN professional nurse attractive and all women! Loves wining and dining seeking white knight who appreciates a real black beauty. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385651**

JAN genuinely attractive voluptuous sensual female looking for companionship with discreet loving man, 35-65yrs. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385597**

JULIE blonde blue eyed outgoing female, 31yrs, seeking laidback relationship with likeminded affectionate male, any age/looks or status. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385595**

RONNIE 39 looking for fun loving bit on the side! Must have a GSOH and own home, I will provide the entertainment! **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385593**

KIM 37, slim blue eyed brunette, divorced with no ties, very discreet, looking for a genuine convenient friendship/more. Status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384049**

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ADE early 40's, 5ft 10ins, medium build, looking for lady for mutual fun and good times together. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384495**

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stand-up comedy.
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Keane's long-awaited return to rocky road Band's gig by the sea

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
Monday, June 4
0844 8471776
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TOP pop-rockers Keane have announced their first UK tour in three years, with the group heading to Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall as part of the much-anticipated series of gigs. The band, who shot to fame with their first Brit Award-winning album *Hopes And Fears*, have recently finished recording their latest work and are looking to showcase it to their loyal fans on the new tour. Four years have elapsed since the group's last album, *Perfect Symmetry*, meaning their army of devoted fans has been kept waiting for far too long. And with the top-selling *Under The Iron Sea* album also to their name, it was really was time for Keane to resurface. Tickets for the summer gig are on sale now; book early at www.atgtickets.com/venue/Leas-Cliff-Hall.



New kid on the block Bouncing baby gorilla

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THE newest member of the western lowland gorilla troop at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park has started to venture out. The two-week-old youngster was born to mum Mumba and dad Djala on Sunday, February 26, but remains unnamed as it is too early for keepers to determine the sex. The gorilla birth is the second in 10 months at the park near Hythe and takes the number of successful births at the Aspinall Foundation centres in Kent to a staggering 132. The park is open from 10am-5pm.

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Britannia Theatre, Chatham
Monday, April 2-Friday, April 13
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Cosmetic changes to Avensis are just tip of the iceberg

Driving

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NEW Pandas are usually a cause to rejoice.

Zoos can always expect a flood of new visitors and, in the case of Fiat's third generation Fiat Panda (from £8,900), dealers can also expect increased footfall.

But just as their bear-like namesakes remain familiar in black and white, so would-be Panda car buyers may be glad that little has changed from the 2004-12 generation.

The wheelbase and general look are unaltered with only marginal increases in overall dimensions, though it is roomier and looks cuddlier with its more rounded aerodynamic lines.

Nevertheless, the Italian marque's mantra appears to have been closer to that Anglo-Saxon one: "Don't fix it if it ain't broke".

And Fiat will hope and expect its little star to adhere to that in another way by being as bulletproof as the previous car.

I had anecdotal proof of this some years ago while holidaying on a Greek isle. The roads were as flaky as the national economy now clearly is, but my little Daihatsu Charade hire car coped admirably.

But when I returned it and praised its ability in such trying conditions, the Brit running the hire car site, told me: "Yeah, Japanese stuff is good, but the Fiat Pandas are our favourite – they go on forever."

Fiat will hope the new car does too, but is taking a chance by moving production away from the Panda's long-standing production site in Poland and back home to a refurbished and highly-automated plant near Naples.

It will also hope the newcomer defies pigeonholing in the market place; while something of a Marmite motor – people either loved or hated the old car – but those who loved it come from all walks of life and age groups.

Along with the cuddlier style though, making the car available with Fiat's incredible 875cc TwinAir Turbo petrol engine (from £9,400), should boost the new car's youth appeal.

This engine has given the hugely successful Fiat 500 extra market clout, by offering zest with eco appeal. It should do the same for the Panda. The output is 85bhp and, driven sensibly, an average near 70mpg should be possible while CO₂ emissions below 100 g/km make it road tax exempt.

However, the temptation to rev the little twin-cylinder turbo and twirl the gearbox, may dent eco aspirations, making the venerable four-cylinder entry level 69bhp 1.2-litre petrol engine, a more sensible choice.

There is a frugal 75bhp 1.3 Multijet diesel offered too, but it starts at £11,100 and, as ever at this end of the market, I wonder if the first owner would ever cover the mileage needed to recoup the extra money spent upfront.

The TwinAir and the diesel both feature a stop-start system to cut and re-fire the engine automatically in busy traffic.



FIAT PANDA

PREVIEW

Price:
from £8,900

Driving appeal:
To be confirmed
when driven

Image:

★★★

Space:

★★★★★

Value:

★★★★★

Running costs:

★★★★★

Reliability:

★★★★★

How green?:

★★★★

Best rival:

VW Up

Fiat panders to the past as old favourite continues its journey



SMALL BUT PERFECTLY FORMED: At first glance, Fiat's third incarnation of its popular Panda looks the same as early models, but this now comes with the carmaker's incredible TwinAir Turbo petrol engine, which gives it an eco boost

DON'T LIKE

...much. Some might say the styling could have been updated more, but the Panda always was distinctive and it is once again.

NOT SURE

...it will have its 'tiny but roomy' market segment to itself for long. The VW Up, Seat Mii and Skoda Citigo sisters are due soon.

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Kent's Olympic Countdown

Hockey star eyeing 2012 success but has a far bigger goal for sport post-Olympics

By David Pritchard

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FOR all the debate about ticketing systems, traffic plans and the total cost, once London 2012 is over there will be just one definitive yardstick of success – the medals table.

Great Britain have targeted a top four place in the Olympics, at least equalling their surprise success in Beijing four years ago, and second in the Paralympics.

A steady stream of golds would be the best way to silence the critics and inspire the next generation off the sofa and taking part in sport.

To achieve this £300 million has been invested by UK Sport to help national associations improve standards and nurture medal winners.

Few disciplines have had the same level of support as the British hockey squads, who have been cocooned in a centralised training programme for three years – far longer than in preparation for previous Olympics.

One of the group fortunate to have benefitted from the full-time training at Bisham Abbey is Natalie Seymour. The Canterbury ladies defender has gone on to amass more than 60 international caps and is in no doubt over the impact the programme has made.

"When we first started out we were ranked ninth in the world and now we're at fourth. But it's not only that, the fitness levels of the squad and also the approach to hockey in terms of how professional we are and the lifestyle we've chosen to lead. I think it's those things that are making the difference.

"It's the small margins with our nutrition, psychology, strength and conditioning and the amount of time we spend together as a group. The strides we've made as a result of that are plain for everyone to see, both as individuals and as a squad.

"It's thanks to UK Sport lottery funding that we were able to undertake this centralised programme. It's exciting to be involved, we're all doing what we love every single day and not only that, but being full-time is the reason why we've made such big gains."

Over the course of the programme the squad, including Seymour, have become regulars on



NATALIE SEYMOUR

- **AGE:** 25
- **HOME CLUB:** Canterbury ladies
- **EVENT:** Hockey
- **CAREER HIGHLIGHT:** World Cup bronze medal, 2010
- **OLYMPIC SELECTION CHANCES:** Probable

the podium at major international tournaments, most recently at the Champions Trophy earlier this month. The second-place finish was the team's best at a world level event and provided an excellent springboard for the summer.

While the amount of resources invested in the squad during the build-up means they will be the best prepared British squad in Olympic history, there is also huge pressure to succeed.

Total funding will almost certainly be slashed for

the next Olympic cycle ahead of Rio de Janeiro in 2016, leading to competition between sports to battle over a smaller pool.

Seymour is well aware of the stakes which rest on the performances in front of a home crowd.

She said: "Obviously we've been really keen to leave a legacy of this behind us and we are hoping that post-London there can still be opportunities to do things like that for the sport.

"We feel it's really important the sport continues to grow in this way and changes to

this more full-time athlete model.

"We want to make sure that when we go out there we put in the performances that make people stand up and say 'hang on a minute, hockey's great in this country and it needs the support to be able to continue at the level we're able to reach at the moment'."

Whatever happens, the 25-year-old is just concentrating on doing herself justice.

"I've said for the last three years it feels a long way off and it still feels like that even though everything's going so quickly," she said.

"I have to focus on what I'm doing. We all just want to do our all every single day to try and get through it. You can't look too far ahead."



CRICKET

Kent faces "difficult times ahead" as financial figures reveal heavy reliance on ECB 'dividend'

WHEN Kent County Cricket Club announced an operating profit of £188,000 for 2011 in January of this year it seemed to be good news after several years of losses, but a more detailed analysis of honorary treasurer Simon Phillips' report, paints a less optimistic, and more cautious, picture.

While Phillips welcomed a post-tax profit of £379,718 for the year ending on October 31, 2011, he also issued a warning to members.

"Whilst our figures are better this year, difficult times lie ahead, with no shortage of very pessimistic predictions being made

for 2012 and beyond," he wrote. "No member should be under the illusion that this year's profits are indicative that we are living in times of plenty."

The report cites nearly £3 million of accumulated losses since 1999, and says: "our position remains very tight, despite this year's better results."

The county received £2.6 million from the ECB, but £786,000 of this was as a direct result of improvements Kent made to facilities and Phillips was anxious to dismiss talk of any bail-out.

He warned members: "The lazy analysis is to see the ECB as a governing body

handing out money munificently to keep a dying county structure alive. This is entirely false.

"The vast majority of the money that the ECB generates derives from the international and first class games and as the England team is made up of players from the counties, we are effectively receiving a dividend, not a hand out."

Cricket costs were reduced by six percent (£122,000), meaning Kent have the eighth biggest wage bill of the 18 first class counties.

"We are far from the least resourced county," the report observed.

ST LAWRENCE: Challenging times lie ahead for county club

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By Fred Atkins

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THERE'LL be a familiar face in the dug-out when Sittingbourne travel to Chipstead this Saturday.

With manager Joe Dowley away on a holiday he'd booked before agreeing to take over earlier in the season, Marc Seager stepped in as caretaker for last Saturday's 0-0 draw with Whyte-leafe and will be in charge for both the Chipstead game, and the visit of Hythe to Bourne Park on Tuesday night.

Seager agreed to take over for three games and immediately halted a run of five consecutive defeats in Ryman 1 South by shutting out Whyte-leafe.

Although the Surrey side are bottom of the table, Seager felt it was a valuable point.

"They'd signed 12 new players and had a new manager so I was pleased we got something out of it and ended that losing streak," he said.

Sittingbourne's trio of new players, Rob Lyall, Callum McGeehan and James Darvill all impressed and Seager is hoping to add a couple more new players in time for the Chipstead game.

After two and a half seasons out of the game, following a rollercoaster spell in charge of Whitstable, Seager confessed to having got the bug back. So does he want to make a more permanent comeback, at Sittingbourne or elsewhere?

"I haven't really thought about it to be honest," he said. "I said to the chairman he will get 110 percent out of me, but I need to make the decision, have I got that buzz because I know I'm



LOOK WHO'S BACK: So is Marc Seager eyeing a return to non-league management?

only going to be doing it until Tuesday night?

"I've enjoyed the last two years, but the love of football is something that runs in your veins. We'll take it as it comes."

Seager clearly enjoyed himself against Whyte-leafe but he's wary of the demands the semi-professional game would make on his time.

"It's been my decision to be out for as long as I have, because I've got a young son and I'm an

all or nothing type of person," he said.

"People don't realise that although it's only semi-pro, it's like a full-time job.

"You can't just take a night off and say I can't be bothered.

"Since I agreed to step in I've been on the phone almost non-stop and my wife, listening to me having a conversation, said it was like the last two years had never happened."

RUGBY UNION

Olliver set to rest key players in tough away trip to leaders

THE toughest game of the season awaits for Sheppey this Saturday as they travel to London 3 South East's runaway leaders Crowborough.

The Sussex side are 13 points clear at the top of the table, have lost just one game all season and have outscored their opponents by a massive 664 points, an average of 36 points per game.

Earlier in the season they trounced Sheppey 75-5.

The usual script is for coaches to say they'll give it their best shot and hope for an upset, but the Islanders' Pete Olliver, who says Crowborough should be "one or two divisions above where they are" admits he might rest a few players with more winnable-looking games ahead.

"I'm thinking about it. We've got a few players who had only a half or 60 minutes of rugby recently so I might give them a full game," he said.

Sheppey "won ugly" against Park House at The Ditch on Saturday, coming from behind to win 7-5.

They were 5-0 down at the break but an early second-half try under the posts from Dean Ely, converted



TOUGH: Sheppey face Crowborough

by Lewis Frostick, proved enough.

"They had a big old pack, it was a bit of a dour game to watch they liked to stick it up there jumper and try driving mauls," Olliver said.

"It's frustrating more than difficult and a bit boring to be honest, but our defensive line was superb."

FOOTBALL

Rain stops play as Sports have to kick their heels

WOODSTOCK Sports were due to play at Corinthian in the first leg of their Premier Division Cup semi-final on Wednesday night, but torrential rain meant that Corinthian's Gay Dawn Farm pitch was waterlogged.

The game will now take place on Tuesday night, kick-off 7.45pm but Woodstock are without a fixture this weekend.

Player-manager Ben Taylor and Ricky Freeman could both be available for Tuesday after missing most of the past month with suspensions.

When the two sides met in the league earlier in the season a superb double-strike from Ashley Baverstock handed Sports the points, his second goal a breathtaking volley just before half-time.

Woodstock need to get their challenge for the runners-up slot back on track after a disappointing result at Tunbridge Wells last week saw them drop to seventh in the Premier Division.

The 4-0 defeat at Tunbridge Wells' Culverden Stadium ended a four-game winning streak and they struggled to compete on a difficult



TAYLOR: Back in contention

surface.

The visitors tried to keep the ball on the ground, but were undone by the Wells' long-ball tactics. They fell behind on the half hour to a penalty when Michael Green handled and conceded twice more before the break.

Former Sports player Andy Irvine made it 4-0 in the second half and only a man-of-the-match display from keeper Jack Rankin prevented the scoreline from becoming an embarrassment.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL FOCUS

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“ASIDE from the fact it gives teams like Herne Bay and Deal the chance to go to Wembley, one of the best things about the FA Vase is the fact you can call it the FA Vase without an agent of Lucifer - or a silk to give them their alternative title - threatening to sue you for not using the sponsor's name.

Try writing about a major national sporting event without including the name of whichever corporation happens to think it's bankrolling it, and you'll have a lawyer on the phone quicker than you can say "super-injunction".

There is almost no way of doing this without feeling a small part of your soul has died, though Gary Lineker at least gives the impression of being ashamed when he says "Barclays Premier League".

On ESPN, Jon Champion booms the same words, putting so much emphasis on BARR-CLAZE it's as if he's reading the sermon on the mount.

Perhaps he realises just how awful it sounds and is trying a spot of knowing subversion. Or perhaps the man gets such an orgasmic pleasure out of the sound of his own voice that he could read out an advert for Dynorod believing he was Laurence Olivier.

Champion's rival for the title of World's Worst Commentator, Peter Drury, never quite manages to find the right moment in an FA Cup tie to puff tractor racing from Thruxton live on ITV4.

For all their flaws, FIFA and UEFA both realise that naming the World Cup after a sponsor would seriously damage its reputation and instead opt for a visual bombardment of the viewer.

The FA never quite learned this lesson with its flagship competition. Whichever form of "in association with" or "sponsored by" is used it ends up sounding like a desecration of a once-great tournament.

The reason the cup for the Football League's bottom two divisions has never seemed like anything other than a joke is precisely because it's been named after Auto Windscreens or Johnstone's Paint.

The Vase, like the Trophy, has managed to escape this fate despite having title-sponsors, but other non-league competitions aren't always so lucky.

The word Ryman is easier to say than Isthmian but other leagues have titles so cumbersome they become self-defeating.

An official once tried to force me to use all ten component parts of his league's title every time I referred to it in a match report.

If I'd agreed it would've ended up sounding like Colin Boswell on Radio Kent, who always seemed to take an eon just to get through the words Valley Express Kent Youth League, though this, at least, gave you fair warning that you had time to warn the cats while he waded through the results.

Anyway that's all for this week. I'm off to a prize-giving ceremony for the Preparation H Thanet & District 6-a-side League.





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